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## 700 more laptops for Hopwood, private schools expected today

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The Public School System expects to receive today the delivery of 700 more laptops for Hopwood Junior High School

and private school seventh graders who have yet to benefit from the One Laptop Per Child Project that started last year.

PSS associate commissioner Peter Le'au said yesterday the additional equipment were bought using funds

from the \$32.3 million State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.

Le'au said the shipment was initially expected last week but was delayed due to bad weather.

Once received, the laptops will be

stored at PSS' Lower Base office for checking and verification. Formal distribution to Hopwood students is slated for Friday next week.

PSS distributed the first batch of laptops See **LAPTOPS** on **Page 4**

## Rota nurses unpaid since October

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**R**ota Health Center nurses have not received their wages since October last year because the government has yet to pay the nurses' employer, Saipan Employment Agency and Services, a total of \$213,000, officials said yesterday.

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## CIP money eyed for govt operations

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial reminded the Legislature yesterday about the need to pass a joint resolution asking the U.S. Congress to allow the CNMI to use Covenant Section 702 money not only for capital improvement projects but also for government operations.

Fitial told Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and other lawmakers

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## Four new laws seek to bolster tourism, revenue generation

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\$6.2 million to tour agents who bring in tourists from Osaka and Nagoya during so-called low seasons in 2011 and 2012.

### NEW LAWS

- Monthly payment of BGR tax
- \$6.2M tourism incentive
- Smoking room expansion
- Retirement incentive

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed four major bills into laws in one sitting yesterday afternoon, including a measure that requires payment of gross revenue tax monthly instead of quarterly and one giving a total of up to

the smoking-designated rooms in hotels from 20 percent to 30 percent.

With Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, lawmakers, tourism representatives and other officials as witnesses, Fitial also signed into law a bill expanding

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seated center, join lawmakers and private sector representatives for a group photo right after the governor signed four major bills into laws yesterday afternoon.

The fourth new law allows for a non-compounding annual retirement bonus in lieu of a cost of living increase to help stabilize the NMI Retirement Fund.

Fitial and Inos, during the well-attended signing ceremony, said the collaborative effort between the Legis-

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# Local

## Firm nabs \$21.9K grant for Rota energy project

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A newly established company on Saipan has been chosen as one of the 68 recipients nationwide of study grants to determine the feasibility of renewable energy projects.

Oceana Consultancy LLC will receive a \$21,931 feasibility study grant to analyze a proposed anaerobic digester project to produce renewable energy and manage organic waste on Rota.

A form of composting, anaerobic digestion is a biological process wherein bacteria

converts biodegradable waste to useful products in a controlled, oxygen-free environment.

In a phone interview, Oceana Consultancy LLC member Rose T. Cheung described the anaerobic digester project as an old technology suitable for less sophisticated communities such as Rota.

"There are lots of agricultural waste or animal manure and food waste from hotels on island and these can generate electricity in a very economical way as against other renewable energy projects," Cheung told *Saipan Tribune*.

Cheung disclosed that Oceana Consultancy decided to

venture into the renewable energy industry as a result of the green energy production trend in the mainland and other parts of the world.

According to Cheung, energy produced through anaerobic digestion would cost less than \$0.20, which is 35 percent cheaper than energy generated by fossil fuel and the savings could be passed on to consumers.

Once the anaerobic digester project becomes a reality, it would also create jobs for local people, she said.

Cheung noted that the residue of the anaerobic digestion,

called the digestate, is rich in nutrients and can also be used as fertilizer for golf courses or farm fields.

"Anaerobic digestion fits Saipan in these certain purposes," she added.

Cheung said they are now in the process of gathering data and additional information pertinent to the project, with the implementation of the project plan to begin "possibly in the next six months."

Created in the latter part of 2010, Oceana Consultancy LLC is affiliated with a Los Angeles-based company that has over 25 years of experience in real estate

development.

Aside from the anaerobic digester project, Cheung disclosed that another affiliated company, Island Ventures, is working on another renewable energy project, this time for Saipan.

Cheung said talks with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. are ongoing for a project that also converts municipal waste to energy, a project that she said fits the economic profile of the island.

"Saipan has more economic development so we need to look for more activity because the anaerobic digestion system can only generate so much," she added.

Funding for all 68 study grants will from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development through the Rural

Energy for America Program under the 2008 Farm Bill.

REAP offers grants and loan guarantees for the purchase and installation of renewable energy generating systems and for energy efficiency improvements.

Additionally, it provides special grant funds that can share part of the cost of energy audits, feasibility studies, and other technical assistance that help farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses successfully undertake rural energy projects.

In a statement, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the 68 projects approved for the REAP funding will provide rural small businesses and agricultural producers the opportunity to conduct feasibility studies for renewable energy system installations.

## CDA accepts offers for lots in Talafofo and Gualo Rai

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The Commonwealth Development Authority has approved the offers of two bidders for its properties in Talafofo and Gualo Rai.

Loan manager Oscar C. Camacho disclosed that the successful bidders are Ted Guerrero of Guam, who offered \$100,000 for the Talafofo property, and Chang Yoon Suk of Gualo Rai, who offered \$66,000 for the Gualo Rai property.

Located along Egigi Drive, the Talafofo properties are composed of three adjacent lots totaling 2.5 hectares or 25,000 sq. m. with excellent ocean views on the eastern side of the island.

According to Camacho, CDA approved the \$100,000 offer with a payment term of 20 years and an interest of 5 percent. Monthly payment is roughly about \$660, he said.

Camacho said that CDA also required a \$5,000 down payment or 5 percent of the ap-

proved amount.

"CDA will structure a ground lease agreement with option to purchase fee simple," he added.

Meanwhile, the Gualo Rai property located just above the Hamilton compound consist of two lots measuring 2,145 sq. m.

Camacho said Chang's offer is for a 55-year lease agreement for \$66,000 with a payment term of 15 years at 5 percent interest rate, equal to around \$500 in monthly payments. A down payment of \$3,300 or 5 percent of the lease amount was also required.

According to Camacho, there have been other offers in the past but they never really took off. He said only Guerrero and Chang submitted written offers for the properties.

Camacho said they are happy with the Gualo Rai proposal but had expected a higher offer for the Talafofo properties.

"We did accept the Talafofo offer as a way to salvage the opportunity rather than have the property sitting idle," he added.

## Pentecostal Church to conduct a medical mission on Feb. 20

The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ 4th Watch is inviting the community to their medical mission on Sunday, Feb. 20, from 4pm to 7pm, at the Tanapag basketball court.

Pilipino Contract Workers Association president Ronnie Doca, who is an active member of the church, said this will be the first time they will conduct a medical mission for the benefit of the residents in Tanapag, San Roque, and As Matuis villages.

"This is the tenth year of our medical mission which is our way of showing our godly concern and love for the people in the community," Doca told *Saipan Tribune*.

Doca said the free services to

be offered during the medical mission include screening for blood sugar and blood pressure, reflexology, physical therapy, eye screening, facial massage, and haircut.

These services, Doca said, would be conducted by volunteers.

There will also be free giveaways for those who will attend the medical mission.

"Our goal is to do the medical mission in each village every month," Doca disclosed. He said the schedule and venue for next month's medical mission will be announced soon.

For more information, call Pastor Claire Javillonar at 235-1656 or text 789-7566. (Clarissa V. David)

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# Sasamoto found not guilty of beating Tudor for dog's death

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Superior Court Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona determined yesterday that Jeremy Togawa Sasamoto was only acting in self-defense when he assaulted veterinarian Dr. Edgar Gordon Tudor.

Manglona acquitted the 37-year-old Sasamoto of the charges of assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Manglona cited a CNMI Su-

preme Court decision in a criminal case in 2008 in which the high court adopted the majority rule that when a defendant presents evidence of self-defense, the burden shifts to the prosecution to disprove self-defense beyond reasonable doubt.

In order to justify self-defense, Manglona said a defendant must satisfy elements such as he was not the initial aggressor; that the threat was imminent, that he used reasonable force; and that the force was not

more than was necessary.

Manglona said that Sasamoto met these elements and that the government failed to disprove them.

Manglona accepted Sasamoto's testimony that Tudor sustained a cut in his upper left eye after being punched but she said that Tudor's testimony was inconsistent with the statement of witnesses.

Sasamoto, who is Public Health's immunization program manager, later told *Saipan Tri-*

bune that he feels vindicated.

"I am happy for my mother and for everyone who feels wronged and disrespected by Tudor. The people of the CNMI should not have to be subjected to a person like him. Justice was served," Sasamoto said.

Attorney Robert T. Torres, lead counsel for Sasamoto, said his client appreciates the judge's attention and consideration of the evidence.

Torres said they respect the government's view, but they disagreed with the facts, and the judge had found that the evidence supports Sasamoto's testimony.

"We make no further comment about the complaining witness or what happened, except to say that every person deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and consideration at all times. On this we all agree. Jeremy [Sasamoto] is relieved to conclude this matter and move on with his life," Torres said.

Michael Evangelista also served as co-counsel for Sasamoto.

Although not pleased with the verdict, assistant attorney general Shelli Neal said they respect the judge's decision. Assistant attorney general Tiberius Mocanu also represented the government in the trial.

The case arose from an incident in the parking lot of Paradise Island Veterinarian Animal Hospital in Chalan Lau Lau on



Public Health immunization program manager Jeremy T. Sasamoto with his mother, Ernestina Sasamoto, outside the Superior Court yesterday. Associate Judge Ramona Manglona found that Jeremy Sasamoto was merely acting in self-defense when he punched Dr. Edgar Tudor.

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## Regents mum on Younis' resignation

### » 'Comments may risk NMC's accreditation'

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Members of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents are mum about the resignation of their chairperson, Maria Paz Younis, saying that publicly stating their reactions could put the institution's accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges at risk.

*Saipan Tribune* tried to obtain comments about Younis' resignation during yesterday's continuation of the board's special meeting but failed. Both regents Frank Rabauliman and Andrew Orsini declined to comment, saying this will hamper the college's efforts in getting its accreditation affirmed.

Orsini would only say that he respects Younis' decision and

thanks her for the service she rendered the board.

Citing personal reasons, Younis resigned from the board Thursday despite appeals from colleagues to reconsider, pending the completion of the show-cause report due next month and the impact it could have on the college's situation.

NMC is currently addressing its show-cause status and has until March 15 to submit a report explaining why it should retain its accreditation.

Regents referred all media inquiries yesterday to interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, their spokesperson, who also declined to speak about Younis' departure. She echoed the regents' statements about the "risk" it could bring to the college.

The board went into execu-

tive session as soon as the meeting began at 2:15pm yesterday. The closed-door session, according to members, tackled unfinished business from last week's special meeting, including updates on the hiring of an NMC president. It lasted an hour and was soon adjourned.

Vice chair Elaine Orilla acted as board chair at yesterday's meeting.

The board will meet again on Saturday to elect a new chairperson. There are currently two vacancies on the board, including the position vacated by Charles Cepeda who resigned from the post last year.

The remaining members on the board are Malua Peter, Orilla, Orsini, Rabauliman, and Juan Lizama. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has yet to nominate individuals to the vacant positions. Appointments to the board are with the advice and consent of the CNMI Senate.

## 7 applicants for NMC prexy to be interviewed next week

Seven individuals who got the highest ratings from the Association of Community College Trustees will be interviewed by members of the presidential search committee starting Tuesday next week through Friday.

Search committee chair Andrew Orsini said yesterday that a set of questions has been finalized, comprising 13 to 18 specific questions.

All seven applicants will be interviewed via Skype, a software application that allows users to make voice and video chats over the Internet.

Orsini said the committee has yet to know if all seven applicants are from off-island. The ACCT earlier disclosed that a total of 31 individuals have applied for the position of NMC president.

Orsini said the seven will be narrowed down to two or three and their names will be submitted to the board for action. He expressed confidence that a qualified individual will be chosen within the month.

The college has had no president since the termination of Dr. Carmen Fernandez in April 2010. Lorraine T. Cabrera has been the interim president since then.

NMC has had seven presidents in the last 10 years. (Moneth Deposa)

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# Woman shatters boyfriend's car window

An argument on Valentine's Day allegedly led to a woman throwing a piece of lumber at her boyfriend, shattering the rear window of his car at Upper MIHA housing in Garapan.

Jesmey Nakayama, 45, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and criminal mischief.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo initially imposed

a \$6,000 cash bail for Nakayama's temporary release. She was scheduled for a bail hearing yesterday afternoon.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that Nakayama and her boyfriend had an argument Monday night over Nakayama's former boyfriend, prompting her to tell her boyfriend to leave.

As the boyfriend was backing out his car, Nakayama allegedly took an

18-inch-long 2 x 4 lumber and threw it at him twice, hitting the car and shattering the car's rear window.

The boyfriend got down from the car and ran to Shirley's Restaurant where he called police.

Police arrested Nakayama at 2:32am on Tuesday.

Aldan said that Nakayama admitted wanting to hit the boyfriend with the lumber. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## NURSES

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The \$213,000 includes \$51,000 meant to pay for nurses' wages since October 2010, and some \$119,000 is for unpaid obligations dating back to April until September 2010.

The remaining \$43,000 is for the unpaid hotel accommodations provided to Rota patients who were referred and accommodated at Paradise Hotel. The hotel owner is the same entity that owns SEAS.

Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola, in a phone interview yesterday, said he will be meeting with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial today to seek help in paying SEAS, so that the private manpower agency will be able to pay the nurses their wages since last year.

"We are now asking for mercy," Mendiola told *Saipan Tribune*. "I'm trying my best, but considering the [financial] situation, there's only so much I can do."

He said the Rota municipal government is doing all it can to make payments to SEAS, but the financial condition has gone from worse to worst.

"I cannot give you a figure of how much we immediately need; whatever the administration can help us with, we will be happy," he said.

Fitial declared a state of emergency for the CNMI in July 2010 to suspend laws and rules and allow the reprogramming of funds to avert a nursing crisis on Rota and Tinian.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately said the administration will have to meet with the leaders of the Rota municipality to address this issue.

"We will get in touch with the mayor and the rest of the leadership to set this up. Before we can even start talking about reprogramming of funds, such

funds need to be identified first," he said.

Mendiola said he has been thankful to the four SEAS nurses and one auxiliary staff for their dedication to patients and their job, despite not getting their wages since last year. He said he hopes the nurses will not walk out of their job, despite the non-payment of their wages for almost four months now.

Rota Health Center resident director Cris Ayuyu said yesterday he has already spoken to the Rota Legislative Delegation about the problem, and referred media inquiries to lawmakers.

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), when asked for comment, said the situation on Rota is a "crisis" waiting to happen.

"It's unfortunate that the nurses have not been paid since October. I really sympathize with the nurses. It's not right, and it's unjust that they are not paid. This is an impending health crisis on Rota," she said in a phone interview.

Santos said the Rota mayor and Rota Health Center department heads met with the Rota Legislative Delegation two weeks ago, wherein lawmakers learned of the nurses' unpaid wages.

The freshman lawmaker said they were informed that four nurses and one medical technician "who have been diligently providing nursing services to the people of Rota have not been paid their salaries since October 2010 and to date, estimated to be \$51,000."

"According to the resident director of RHC, non-payment of wages was due to the department's inability to pay SEAS, which is the principal employer of the four nurses and auxiliary staff. The director further indicated that RHC also has an outstanding financial obligation to SEAS for nursing services provided since April to September 2010 last year, estimated to be \$119,000, and additional \$43,000 for

will ask Congress to amend the law to allow the Commonwealth to use CIP money for government operations.

The governor said he will work with Delegate Gregorio Kili Sablan on this issue.

The proposed resolution had yet to be drafted as of yesterday.

Fitial said he and the lawmakers talked about this joint resolution days ago.

The House will hold a session on Friday afternoon, while the Senate has yet to schedule a session.

The CNMI's CIP funding for 2012, as President Barack Obama proposes, is only some \$9.5 million.

This is some \$500,000 less than the 2011 CIP funding of some \$10 million. It is also less than the fiscal 2010's \$10.9

those patients who have been referred and accommodated at Paradise Hotel, altogether totaling an estimated amount of \$213,000," she said.

Just like Mendiola, Santos expressed her sincerest gratitude to the nurses for not abandoning their jobs despite not getting their paychecks.

"On behalf of the people of Rota, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to the affected nurses and auxiliary staff for their diligence in continuously providing quality health services to our people and visitors in spite of their predicament. With this, I have trust and confidence that the department head, in close collaboration with the municipality of Rota, is seriously looking into resolving said matter at the earliest time possible," she added.

Rota nurses who were unpaid for months last year and whose employment contracts were in limbo were not able to report for work for weeks last year, forcing the Department of Public Health to send in nurses from Saipan to Rota.

The government made partial payment to SEAS, and the nurses were allowed to return to work. However, the government continued lagging off on its obligations to SEAS.

Rota nurses also experienced partial payments of their salaries in April last year. The partial payment is equivalent to the CNMI's minimum wage of \$4.55 an hour at the time. The minimum wage increased to \$5.05 an hour in September.

Rota nurses used to receive from SEAS an hourly salary of \$8.93 to \$9.20 an hour. Nurses who are directly hired by the government are paid \$16 to \$18 an hour, or more.

Tinian nurses previously employed by SEAS also endured payless paydays for months last year.

million, and fiscal 2009's \$11.3 million.

Fitial's trip is primarily to attend the National Governors Association's Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. from Feb. 26 to 28.

The governor said yesterday he would have an average of seven meetings a day during his weeklong stay in the nation's capital, including with key officials of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's component agencies.

After his official trip to Washington, D.C., Fitial will be on medical leave for another surgery at the UCLA Medical Center in California, where he had two spinal surgeries in 2006.

The governor said the length of his medical leave will depend on the outcome of his surgery.

dents with their studies. The units are equipped with camera, wi-fi, and touch screen.

PSS decided early on to give laptops to just the 9th to 12th graders in private schools. With the additional laptops, 7th and 8th graders in private schools will now be covered.

In public schools, 7th to 12th graders benefited from the project.

## Public hearings on status for guest workers

Senate Standing Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies will be conducting public hearings on the long-term status of guest workers in the CNMI.

■ Friday, Feb. 18, at Rota Roundhouse, Songsong Village, from 6pm to 9pm;

■ Thursday, Feb. 24, at Multi-Purpose

Center, Susupe, from 6pm to 9pm;

■ Friday, Feb. 25, at Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria, San Jose Village, from 6pm to 9pm.

A copy of the Senate's recommendations report may be obtained at [www.cnmileg.gov.mp](http://www.cnmileg.gov.mp) or contact the Office of Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider at 664-8803. *(PR)*

## NEW LAWS

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lature and the Executive Branch paved the way for the four bills to be enacted into laws.

Inos pointed out, though, that the administration and the Legislature still have other measures to work on, including a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. privatization bill, a legislative initiative on Article 12, and a pension obligation bond initiative.

"If we can deliver on these significant legislation, it will help bring back investor confidence in the CNMI. ... We look forward to the next full leadership meeting," said Inos, who oversees government finances.

### Incentives to tour agents

The governor signed first the tourism incentive bill or the Japan Air Service Stabilization bill.

House Bill 17-141, House Draft 1, introduced by floor leader George N. Camacho (Ind-Saipan) and co-sponsored by three others, is now Public Law 17-29.

Under the program, participating travel agents will be given monetary incentive for every tourist they bring in from the Japanese cities of Osaka and Nagoya to the CNMI from April to July and September to December.

Fitial and Marianas Visitors Authority chair Marian Aldan-Pierce said the idea of working directly with tour agents was suggested by airlines last year.

MVA managing director Perry Tenorio thanked the Legislature and the Fitial administration for passing and signing the bill into law to stabilize the Osaka and Nagoya tourism markets during low season.

"This still requires us [MVA] to work with Finance on the regulations to implement this," he said.

Fitial said the CNMI lost some 200,000 visitors from Japan since Japan Airlines' pullout from the CNMI in 2005.

Under the new law, 25 percent of the beverage container tax collected and 70 percent of the hotel occupancy tax collected shall go to a trust fund, from which the monetary incentive will be derived from.

No more than \$3.1 million from the trust fund shall be spent in calendar year 2011, and no more than \$3.1 million may be spent in 2012.

"The approval of this measure is significant in that it is not only a product of teamwork, but more importantly addresses our primary economic driver, tourism," the governor said in his message to the Legislature.

### Monthly tax payments

The governor also signed Sen. Jovita Taimanao's (Ind-Rota) Senate Bill 17-45 into Public Law 17-30.

This law requires taxes on gross revenue to be paid on a monthly basis instead of quarterly, to spread out the revenue collections throughout the year.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, during the ceremony, said there are a few challenges on this measure because, among other things, there will now be approximately 4,000 tax filings every month or some 48,000 annually as opposed to only 4,000 every quarter or 16,000 a year.

He said this will present challenge to the Department of Finance, specifically the Compliance Branch and the Revenue and Taxation Division.

Inos said taxpayers will be required to start filing and paying monthly gross revenue tax on or before March 31. He said the forms are now being prepared.

Taimanao, author of the bill, said if the monthly gross revenue tax payments work in Guam, "why not give it a chance to apply also on a monthly basis in the CNMI?"

"Let's see if it works to improve the cash collection. We should not be afraid being risk-takers to make important changes," she said.

### Smoking rooms

Another controversial legislation signed into law amends the Smoke-Free Air Act of 2008, to increase the number of smoking-designated rooms at hotels from the current 20 percent to 30 percent.

The new law, whose bill was introduced by Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan), also allows smoking in the balconies of the rooms that are designated as smoking areas.

Senate Bill 17-37, Senate Substitute 1, Senate Draft 2, House Substitute 1, is now Public Law 17-31.

"While I am cognizant of the concerns raised by health advocates, this measure still provides adequate protection to the public from exposure to secondhand smoke in enclosed facilities. In consideration of our travel partners and the need to support our visitor industry, I approve this measure," Fitial said in his message to the Legislature.

### Retirement Fund bill

The governor also signed Crisostimo's Senate Bill 17-34, Senate Draft 1 into Public Law 17-32.

The new law allows the NMI Retirement Fund board of trustees to provide a non-compounding annual retirement bonus in lieu of a cost of living increase to shore up the fiscal solvency of the Fund.

Fund administrator Richard Villagomez and Fitial, during the ceremony, said this new law eliminates the compounding effect of the cost of living allowance the current law allows, which will reduce the actuarially accrued liabilities of the retirement system by about \$84 million.

The governor said the COLA allotments to the Fund will also cease with the approval of the law, totaling \$33,745.05 monthly payments to the remainder of the fiscal year.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) led the lawmakers who were at the bill signing ceremony.

## CIP

From Page 1

ers about the joint resolution after he signed four major bills into laws yesterday in his conference room on Capitol Hill.

The governor said he wishes to hand-carry the joint resolution when he leaves for Washington, D.C. on Tuesday.

He said he will have a meeting with U.S. House Speaker John Boehner's staff on Feb. 27, and this request will be one of key issues that he will be bringing up.

Section 702 money is allowed to be used only for infrastructure projects, and Fitial said the CNMI government

will ask Congress to amend the law to allow the Commonwealth to use CIP money for government operations.

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The House will hold a session on Friday afternoon, while the Senate has yet to schedule a session.

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This is some \$500,000 less than the 2011 CIP funding of some \$10 million. It is also less than the fiscal 2010's \$10.9

## LAPTOPS

From Page 1

tops totaling 5,200 units in September last year. The increased enrollment this school year prompted the Board of Education to approve the requisition of more units. This was approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

According to Le'au, over 600 laptops will be given away to seventh graders at Hopwood. The remaining units will be added to the 300 laptops that PSS still has for distribution to seventh and eighth graders in private schools.

The laptops—brand new Latitude 2100 Net Books manufactured by Dell Corp.—are intended to aid stu-



# Saipan students return from weeklong exchange program in Japan

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REPORTER

Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores and the students who took part in the Sanpo-en Cultural Exchange Program flew back to Saipan on Monday after a week-long educational tour of Japan.

Flores and Mayor's Office staff Martha Sablan chaperoned seven students from Chacha Oceanview Junior High School, one from Hopwood Junior High School, and two from Marianas High School who all left for Japan on Feb. 5.

The students were Clea San Nicolas, Tiffany Kentaro, Maricar Valdez, Reiko Villagomez, Jennifer Dela Cruz, Wendy Nicholas, Jaydene Ermitanio, Donovan J. Flores, Torcuato "Ty" Tudela, and 2010 Liberation Queen Josifynn Vivian "Peachy" Quitugua.

Sablan, who also served as the group's translator during their trip, said the students had an "awesome experience" learning about Japanese culture.

Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that the Sanpo-en International Cultural Exchange Association hosted on Feb. 8 a welcoming party for them to meet with Japanese students who have been to the island through the exchange program.

Sablan said the group visited the cities of Nantan, Kyoto, and Nagano and met with various officials, including the Kyoto mayor and governor, the Nantan mayor, and the chair for the Nantan Tourism Association.

Sablan said the students saw the Saipan and Japan night skies at the planetarium, learned how potato chips are made at a potato factory, and visited animals at a zoo.

According to Sablan, each of the 10 students stayed with a host family for two and a half days in Nagano, where they ex-

perienced snow.

"The exchange program provided these students with an awesome experience in learning about the Japanese culture, especially since we visited cities in Japan where local culture and heritage were very much intact," she said.

Sablan said the exchange program widened the students' horizons.

Flores said he witnessed how their counterparts and host families graciously accommodated and cared for the students from Saipan.

"I really appreciate what they did for our students. The program was not only about cultural exchange but also an opportunity to build peace and friendships between the two communities," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Sanpo-en Cultural Exchange Program is an annual activity between students of Saipan and Japan. It allows students to experience each other's culture by staying with local families during their visit.

Flores said Japan has been sending their students to the island for 33 years this year but Saipan has only been sending students to Japan for 28 years.

The mayor said his office intends to accommodate the Japanese students who will be here in August in the same hospitable manner.

Flores disclosed that he requested from the Sanpo-en International Cultural Exchange Association records of past participants of the program to invite them for the big 35th anniversary celebration which will serve as a reunion for former students and host families.

"Some of these students still communicate with their host families here on Saipan, which is a very good result of the exchange program," he added.

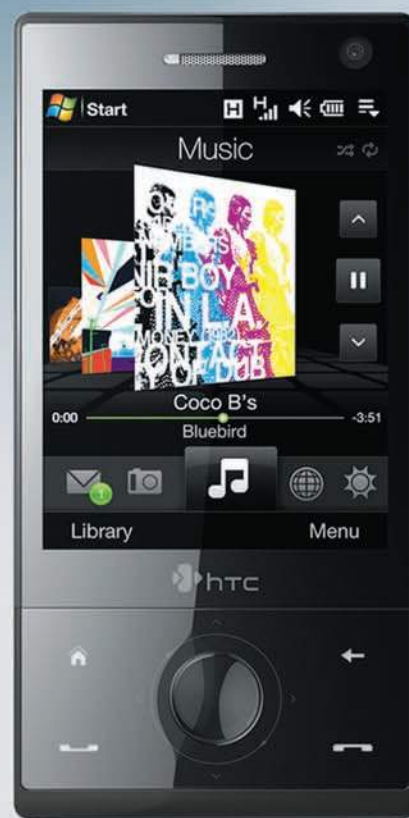


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Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores, seated third from left, Sen. Ralph Torres, and the students of the Sanpo-en Cultural Exchange Program from Saipan have their photo taken at the office of the Mayor of Kyoto City.

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CPA-IFB-11-01

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The individual or firm submitting the highest bid for any or all the vehicles or equipment on the list must make full payment within five (5) working days from the date of notification. Payment must be made to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. All vehicles and equipment are sold "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" and WITHOUT WARRANTY. All sold properties must be removed from CPA property within 72 hours from the date of payment. CPA will not be responsible for said property after the specified timeframe.

All items listed may be viewed at the location indicated on the listing. Inquiries may be directed to the Operations Supervisor, Mr. John Tudela, at telephone number 237-6500.

/S/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO  
Executive Director

Date: 02/16/2011



### PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT



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ITB NO.: ITB11-DCCA-024(A)(B)

BID SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 02, 2011

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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# NMC hires new marketing manager, counseling director

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

Two top positions at the Northern Marianas College are now filled with the hiring of Farah Younis and Timothy Baker as the college's marketing manager and director of counseling programs respectively.

As marketing manager, Younis will be leading the college's internal and external marketing, branding, and public relations activities.

She will also be tasked with developing an annual marketing plan, designing marketing publications, writing press releases, distributing newsletters, and managing NMC's website content and its social

networking sites.

Younis had worked in several customer service-related positions in San Francisco while attending graduate school.

Prior to her acceptance to the San Francisco State University, she worked at Barbi-zon/ International Performing Arts Academy as an executive assistant and assistant marketing manager. There, she assisted in executing numerous events and marketing campaigns for the company both in San Francisco and other national locations.

According to NMC, she was also part-owner of a dry cleaning company in Seattle for three years which provided her with extensive knowledge in manag-



Younis

ing a business as well as marketing its services.

Younis' other experiences include visual merchandising at Duty Free Shoppers and public information work at the Division of Environmental Quality.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Younis possesses a master's



Baker

degree from SFSU. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Washington in Seattle.

"I used to be a student here at NMC, so it's great to be back to serve the institution in this capacity," Younis said yesterday.

Younis is the daughter of

former Board of Regents chair Maria Paz Younis, who resigned last Thursday due to personal reasons. The former chairperson is the co-publisher of the *Marianas Variety*.

In a statement from NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera yesterday, she said the younger Younis' hiring went through proper procedures.

"I want to emphasize that Farah's hiring was accomplished in strict accordance with NMC's Human Resource policies and procedures," said Cabrera.

Meantime, as director of counseling programs and services, Baker will be overseeing various student programs and services, including counseling and guidance programs, early admissions, testing services, student retention, academic advising, disability support services, and service learning initiatives.

He will also be facilitating all activities related to the College Access Challenge Project, a program aimed at increasing college enrollment and reten-

tion among the CNMI's public high school graduates.

Prior to working for NMC, Baker worked as an instructor and lecturer for the School of Language Education and International Programs at Gyeongsang National University in South Korea. He owns and operates Baker Associates Counseling Services, where he has presented entrance seminars for colleges as well as in-service and basic college curriculum.

His company was also engaged in extensive family and adolescent training. His other work experiences include working for the New York State Division of Parole, the Scotland Memorial Hospital, and the Empire State College. Baker earned his doctorate's degree from Walden University and his master's degree from Fordham University.

"I'm excited to be taking on this important role at the college," said Baker.

Cabrera said the two's extensive experiences and educational backgrounds will be great assets to the college.

## 3-hour power outage on Saturday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a three-hour power interruption on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, that will affect areas stretching from the Shell gas station in Puerto Rico to portions of Garapan, China Town, and Gualo Rai.

In a notice issued yesterday, CUC said the outage is necessary to ensure the safety CUC line crew as they perform work on the electrical grid.

The outage is scheduled from 5:30am through 8:30am and will affect the Feeder 1 and Feeder 3 circuits, covering areas from Puerto Rico (Shell gas station) to China Town

(Commonwealth Drive), Navy Hill, Chalan Galaide, portions of Garapan, Upper/Lower MIHA Housing, portions of China Town and portions of Gualo Rai.

During this time, CUC line crew will be performing general maintenance and repairs on 10 double circuit primary power poles on Chalan Pale Arnold Road. Line clearing will also be performed to remove vegetation near primary lines in the Garapan area. This is part of an ongoing systems maintenance being performed throughout the island by line-men. (*Saipan Tribune*)

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# NMI chosen for drug court program training

The CNMI has been chosen as one of a select group of jurisdictions throughout the country that will take part in the Adult Drug Court National Planning Initiative in Nashville, Tennessee on March 21 - 25, 2011, according to a statement the Judiciary and the Office of the Governor issued yesterday.

The selection process is highly competitive and applicants are reviewed and chosen by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Drug Court Institute.

"Our jurisdiction is extraordinarily fortunate to have this training opportunity to assist the CNMI in planning and operating a drug court program," the statement said.

Each jurisdiction is required to send an eight-member team

from the CNMI's criminal justice network, each from different disciplines. Each team is composed of one judge, one prosecutor, one public defender, one law enforcement officer, one probation officer, one counselor or treatment provider, one team researcher, and a team coordinator. Every team member is required to provide a letter of intent to the NDCI that promises full commitment and attendance throughout the training process.

"The work and responsibilities of the team participants has already begun and they have pledged to do all they can to create a court specifically designed to address addiction in our community," the Judiciary statement said.

In addition to the intensive

training the team will receive to establish and manage an effective drug court, the team will learn invaluable information about grant writing and grant opportunities for, among other things, the care and treatment of addicts. In addition, the team will have an opportunity to make vital connections with other drug court providers that will prove useful in the implementation of the local drug court.

The NDCI provides each team with a travel scholarship that for most jurisdictions is more than enough to fund their expenses. However, the Judiciary said the CNMI's unique location creates challenges to securing adequate funding.

"The NDCI, understanding how much our jurisdiction

needs help coping with the effects of methamphetamine and alcohol in our community, has provided additional funding beyond its maximum scholarship award to help the CNMI attend the training. With the support of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, the team remains optimistic that they will be able to secure the small remaining necessary funds.

"This is a unique opportunity for the Commonwealth that should not be missed. This training has the potential to forever change the direction of our community and provide the resources and assistance that is desperately needed to cope with the serious and increasing drug problem in our community," the statement adds.

## Flashback

### A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Feb. 17, 1999

#### Governor thumbs down lands bill

A proposed measure envisioned to prevent loss of agricultural lands to development projects and curb CNMI's dependence on imported farm products by extending agricultural and grazing permits to five years was disapproved by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio on grounds that it would tie the hands of government agencies in managing public lands. The proposal also provides for compensation of \$10,000 to permit holders whose permit will be terminated other than failure to comply with requirements. But Tenorio said he preferred the existing regulation that gives one year permit that is renewable subject to availability of agricultural lands.

#### CPA continues to argue on fees hike

Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Carlos H. Salas has maintained that the Legislature would have to appropriate financial support to the agency to avoid any interruption in its airport services if it does not push through with the planned rate increases. In a speech before Pacific Aviation Directors workshop in Honolulu, Salas said the planned rate hike has become "unavoidable" to cover operating expenses and debt service payments despite strong opposition from the public and the private sector. But Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has ruled out any bailout for the financially troubled ports authority since the executive branch could hardly raise the \$5 million to \$6 million payroll requirement for the more than 4,000 government employees brought about by shrinking revenues.

Feb. 17, 2003

#### Dialysis centers on Tinian, Rota in the offing?

Following the lifting of federal sanctions against him, Dr. Vicente Aldan now looks forward to pursuing his long-overdue goal: to set up hemodialysis centers on Rota and Tinian. In a media briefing last week, Aldan said his company now awaits the signing of a loan agreement with the Marianas Public Lands Trust for the two projects amounting to \$3.4 million. "We're now able to pursue our projects. We are on the verge of signing an agreement to build a first class dialysis center on Rota and Tinian. Once signed, we will do the construction in about three months from now. Hopefully, they would be finished before December," said Aldan, adding that these facilities would be opened ahead of the new dialysis facility on Saipan.

#### CRMO cancels citation vs. CUC on sewage overflow

Recognizing efforts to address the perennial sewage overflow at the Tanapag Social Hall, the Coastal Resources Management Office rescinded Friday the citation it had issued against the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for violating environmental regulations. CRMO administrator Joaquin D. Salas acknowledged that CUC has plans to further improve its sewage system, besides the recent upgrading of its T-1 lift station in Tanapag. "It is CRMO's desire to closely work with CUC to adequately deal with this problem and we do not wish to arbitrarily impose measures upon CUC, especially in light of the recent upgrade and the plans to further upgrade the area's sewage system," Salas said.


Feb. 17, 2004

#### House backs technical school idea

The House of Representatives has embraced the concept of developing Marianas High School as a model campus for career and technical education/training by adopting House Resolution 14-4 consistent with this purpose. Minority Leader Heinz S. Hofschneider is, however, convinced that such efforts would have more force and effect if tackled through legislation. Rep. Justo S. Quitugua, chairman of the House Committee on Education, assured that the resolution is only the first of many steps to follow, in HR 14-4's overarching goal that is to create more skilled local workers.

#### Reduced cost for telehealth, telemedicine pushed


The "urban" classification of Saipan, Tutuila in American Samoa, and Agana in Guam by the Federal Communications Commission is preventing these American territories from availing of reduced telemedicine and telehealth costs, as provided under the Communications Act of 1934. To correct this inequity, Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo has introduced a measure in the U.S. Congress that seeks for the correct treatment of these territories as "rural areas" in the health care service supports provided under the Act and designates Honolulu, Hawaii as the nearest urban area. H.R. 3750, or the Pacific Insular Areas Rural Telemedicine Act has been referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.



### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

A belated birthday shoutout to Jeremy Basa Reyes who turned 28 yesterday! Hope you had a wonderful birthday and may you have many more birthdays to come. May God bless you. Greetings come from Veralynn Basa.

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Happy 17th birthday to Jennifer Camacho! We love you! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, and Albert.

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### PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

## INVITATION FOR BID

### IFB-NMC-052

SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 15, 2011 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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### PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

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### RFP-NMC-048

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 11-016 for Mechanic Opening Date: Friday, February 4, 2011  
JVA No. 11-017 for Operator Closing Date: Friday, February 18, 2011

### Trades Assistant

**Duties:** Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director, Rota or his designee. Assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in service area assigned. Performs preventative maintenance on equipment in service area assigned. Assists with various construction related duties in service area assigned. Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies. Cleans up, gathers and puts away equipment, materials and supplies for activities/projects. Assisting in operating the control room by monitoring balance and fuel consumption and synchronizing feeders; Serving as an auxiliary operator by monitoring lubrication oil, fuel, water and air temperatures; Taking readings to ensure temperatures, pressure and tank levels are in normal range; Assisting in inspecting for leaks and abnormal operation; Assisting in starting engines; Monitoring loads on feeders and generators; Assisting in operating waste oil incinerators; Pumping diesel fuel oil to settling and service tank; Containing waste oil; Assisting in performing startup operations; Assisting in minor and major repairs and overhauls on equipment; Performing janitorial duties. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level as required.


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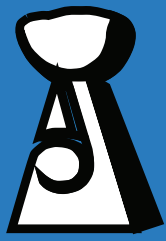
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## EDITORIAL

### Obama's overly tame budget

President Obama's budget for fiscal year 2012 landed with a thud Monday, laying out short- and long-term tax and spending plans that disappointed lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. The proposal was a remarkably tame response to Washington's fiscal problems, not the bold statement about belt-tightening that the White House had suggested was coming. Yet the biggest shortcoming is that it all but ignored the most important long-term financial challenge, which is the growing cost of entitlements such as Medicare and Medicaid.

Congressional Republicans are eager to start cutting now, rather than waiting for the fiscal year that begins in October. Although we think Obama is correct to resist such pressure until the economy is on more solid footing, the trends in corporate profits and hiring indicate that the fiscal 2012 budget is the right time to start reining in spending in earnest.

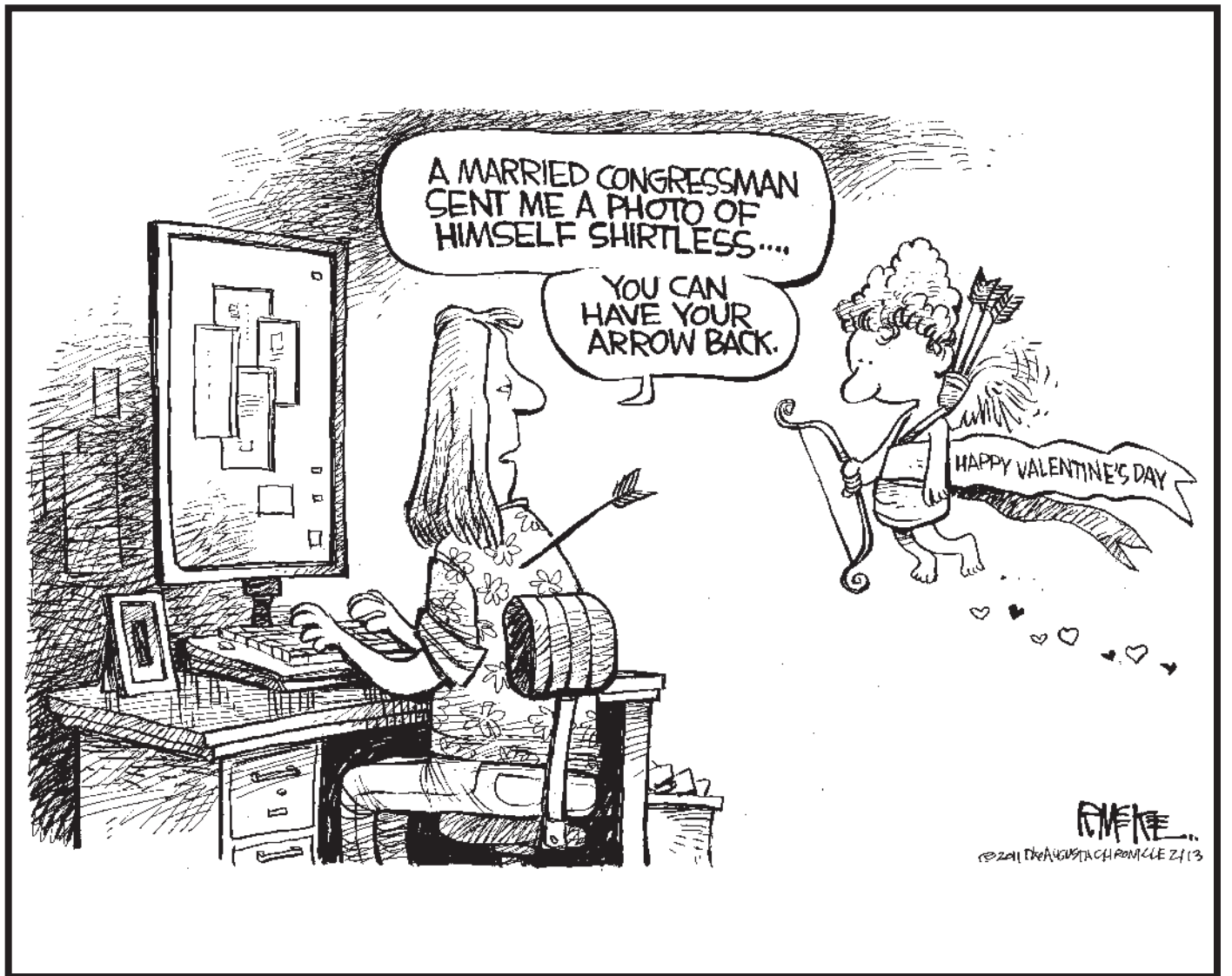
More important, the budget gives the president the opportunity to define how far Congress should go and how swiftly it should restore order to its finances. But instead of sticking to the target he laid out last year—bringing the budget into balance by fiscal 2015, excluding interest payments on the debt—he pushed it back two years.

In the short term, the cuts Obama proposed for certain federal agencies and benefit programs, such as aid to wealthy farmers, would be largely offset by increased costs in other areas. And the long-term path charted by the administration would only narrow the budget gap, not close it, allowing the debt to reach and remain at alarmingly high levels relative to the U.S. economy.

The president's proposal, in other words, ignores the core message of the bipartisan deficit commission the White House assembled last year: Washington cannot climb out of its deep fiscal hole just by shrinking domestic discretionary programs. Entitlements, defense and homeland security account for the vast majority of the spending, and the federal government won't stop piling up debt without making fundamental changes in those areas as well. The rising health-care costs that are driving up Medicare and Medicaid expenses are especially important factors in the long term. But the budget has little to offer on healthcare costs, and proposes to pare defense spending no more than the Pentagon brass wants to.

White House officials have said that the budget is just a down payment on more significant, bipartisan deficit-reduction efforts to come. But as the housing crisis showed, a down payment that's too small can leave borrowers with a debt they cannot afford.

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## The right fit

I rarely buy shoes and clothes online or through a catalog because no matter how good it's described on paper, I really don't know how it will fit until I try them on. The picture and product description may be enticing, but we all know that the burger at your favorite fast food restaurant never looks as good as the picture that gets you to buy it.

The same can be said when choosing a person for a position. They may look great on paper, but you really don't know if the person will be a good fit for the organization until they've been in the position for awhile.

According to the paper, the Association of Community College Trustees has been tasked by the board to scrutinize 31 applicants and then transmit the top seven candidates to the Presidential Search Committee so they can narrow the number of individuals down to the top two to three finalists who will then be interviewed by the board. In a Saturday article, it was stated that the top seven candidates will be the ones "who best meet the ACCT's standards, criteria, and qualifications."

I'm sure that ACCT has a lot of experience working with boards and trustees in the U.S. to help them screen candidates who will become the top executives of U.S. institutions. However, what concerns me is that this external organization has been entrusted to use a template that may work well in the United States, but may be flawed to predetermine who would be the best chief executive officer for the CNMI's only accredited institution for higher learning. Other than reading something about the CNMI or college on paper or online, have the individuals vetting the applicants visited Saipan or the campus? Do they understand our situation and the unique circumstances to help them choose someone who would be the best fit for the institution? I seriously doubt it.

I'm not saying that we should not use outside resources or not hire someone from off-island, and in good times this should seriously be considered. However, during this critical time it is imperative that the next president is fully aware of the grievous situation at the college, and is committed to the institution and community to get us through it. Considering that the college has been declared non-essential by the government and receiving less revenue, is on continued show-cause, and is paying far below the norm for the position (according to a new survey, the average salary for executives at two-year institutions is \$165,000), it begs the question: Why would anyone who is qualified from off-island really want the position right now?

There are a lot of candidates who will look good on paper, and who may receive high marks when judged against ACCT's stan-

By RIK VILLEGAS  
Special to the Tribune

Rik is applying for the position of president at Northern Marianas College. He can be contacted at [RikVillegas@gmail.com](mailto:RikVillegas@gmail.com), and you can comment on this article at <http://rikv.blogspot.com>.



dards, criteria, and qualifications; however, they may be a poor fit for Northern Marianas College specifically and the CNMI in general. We have already seen two off-island hires that appeared well-qualified with doctorates and experience at other institutions. Yet, one was terminated and the other resigned before his contract ended to avoid termination.

The point I'm trying to make is that the best candidate is most likely someone who is from Saipan or has lived here long enough to know the community and college; yet they may not pass ACCT's standards and qualification used to evaluate applicants for U.S. institutions. Rather than entrust the PSC members to establish their own criteria to review ALL the candidates, I feel they have been hobbled in the process to narrow the field of players down to the ones who would be the best fit for the college and community. My main reason for applying for the position was to ensure there was a large enough pool of applicants from the CNMI to help avoid making another mistake of hiring a person that looks good on paper, but does not understand the unique circumstances, culture, and situation we are facing at this time.

My hope is that the board and/or search committee will request that those individuals who are seriously being considered share the same four points I have presented in my previous articles: 1) Why did they apply for the position—what is their motive and what will they bring to the position; 2) What is their 100-day agenda and what do they hope to specifically accomplish; 3) What are their personal beliefs and philosophy so that we can get to know them better and understand their management style; and 4) What do they know about the college and what are their ideas for improvement.

Whoever is eventually hired, it is imperative that there is a good fit between the college and the new president. Even though the clock is ticking and there may be a temptation to fast-track the hiring process before the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, there is just too much at stake to make another costly and regrettable hiring decision that could cause greater damage in the short- and long-run.



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## Letters to the Editor

### Social sciences and politics

Recent events have given me great concern for the society of the CNMI. The society of the CNMI is truly diverse, but the ruling administration is becoming more and more singular in the representation of this diversity. There is a lot of buzz over the coconut wire about the administration's mode of operation that continues to lower salaries and even get rid of employees while hiring new employees in the same breath. The scary part is majority of the new employees are Carolinian and the majority of the ones leaving are Chamorros, which is a very frightening thought should this phenomenon continue for another four years.

It was brought to my attention by Chamorros who are truly concerned about the hiring pattern of this administration and I know from history and experience that this is very treacherous. Local people asked me to say something about it for them and in their own words "the government used to be Chamolinian and now it is just Carolinian." As you can see, the threat is real and this hiring practice is starting to pose a real danger on society, especially if it continues. I also want to do all I can to make sure the anger of the Chamorros is focused at the administration and not at the Carolinian people as a whole.

The administration is creating a "social divide within a divide," which is a new one for the social fabric of the CNMI. We have a division between outsiders, alien workers, and now another divide is developing between the Chamorros and Carolinians. History has

### Have you had enough yet?

I am talking about the utility cost. If you have had enough please come to the Multi Purpose Center today, Feb. 17, 2011, at 6pm. I am talking about the residents of the CNMI getting organized and taking control of their future. I think it is very clear to everyone that the government has no answers to the utility problems. Everyday we are losing business because they can no longer afford to do business in the CNMI because of the high utility cost. I do not claim to have all the answers. I am offering one solution. I have faith that if we can get together, we can come up with a workable solution that will benefit us all. So please

### Failure to enforce

I read in the *Saipan Tribune*, "5 more companies failed to pay taxes..." which brings to question the mystery as to how these (and others) manage to renew their respective business licenses with such outstanding tax liabilities.

I believe the failure or our local Division of Tax and Revenue to collect and the failure of our local Department of Commerce who issues the business license should explain that to those who do faithfully pay their taxes that support this government.

You can be sure that withholding taxes were deducted from the employee's pay, so not only is the company defrauding the government, they are defrauding their own employees.

This story is another example of the lack of political will of the

## POEA revives validation of OFW exit clearance at NAIA

In response to my letter to the editor regarding the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration's issuance of Overseas Employment Certificates to fellow OFWs who are leaving the island for a reason, I found a viable answer to their problem. The following is a story that was published by GMA News:

*Starting March 1, 2011, overseas Filipino workers leaving the country through Ninoy Aquino International Airport will have to pass through the labor assistance centers of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) to validate their exit clearance.*

*POEA Administrator Carlos Cao Jr. said in a release he is restoring the validation of OFW documents at the NAIA terminals 1, 2 and 3, as this is necessary to ensure that only workers who are properly documented or have passed through the legal processes are allowed to leave the country.*

*"With the validation system in place, POEA is able to check on workers who are carrying tampered or fake travel documents secured through illegal means," the release stated.*

*It added that validation of the exit clearance, also called the overseas employment certificate (OEC) or e-receipt, can be done in less than a minute through electronic connectivity.*

*More validation machines will also be put in place for a faster service to some 3,500 OFWs who leave the airports daily, he said. Cao likewise stressed that the exit clearance validated at*

taught us that social divisions, especially in hard times when it affects the quality of life, can lead to bad things happening. Previous administrations were guilty of nepotism to some level but times were much better and people had more job options then; now they don't! The society of the CNMI is already being pushed to limits never experienced before and it won't take a lot more before it finally becomes enough—we can only imagine what will happen.

I did tell the people who asked me to write about this that it was mostly the government employees who voted this administration back into office and now it seems they are the ones who are being hit the hardest. The governor already abandoned his political supporters when he dropped them and joined the GOP and now they are getting exactly what they voted for—the shaft! Sooner or later all voters are going to realize what I've been saying all along: We voted ourselves into this mess and the only way out is to vote ourselves out! Or do we want to wait until it is so bad that we go the same route the Egyptians just took?

Sticking with the status quo is no longer good enough. If you haven't notice, we need some great people to make some great things happen. Just think, who can you say has been a "great" leader of the Commonwealth? I'm sure most will agree we have had some good and great leaders in the past but that great one hasn't showed up lately. We need some greatness because OK won't get it done! The CNMI society is rich with good and even great people

come to the meeting and ask your friends and family to come along. Let's quit talking and start moving. The sooner we get started the sooner we can get the utility cost down. I want to make it clear to everyone that I am not doing this for myself. I want the residents to face the truth. The government is not going to get the job done. If you want to have a prosperous future you are going to have to help yourselves.

**Frederick A. Prosser**

*As Matuis, Saipan*

government to enforce the laws and regulations across-the-board, and makes it so hard for legitimate business to compete when they don't get to compete on a level playing ground.

I'm stunned by the number of years that some business get away without paying their taxes, and it just seems to go unnoticed.

My message to the people of the CNMI: Until you hold your government accountable, you'll watch your island heritage vanish before your very eyes!

**Mark Blackburn**

*Papago, Saipan*

*the NAIA terminal shall be valid only up to the date of the confirmed flight.*

*Re-validation shall be allowed only for a flight that has been cancelled or re-scheduled for valid reasons, he said.*

*Cao added that the POEA will put up special lanes for OFWs deployed by recruitment agencies that are recipients of performance awards.*

*In March 2008, the POEA, then headed by Rosalinda Baldoz who is now Labor Secretary, dropped the validation of OFW documents through the labor assistance centers at international airports, following a directive from then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to streamline processes in OFW deployment.*

*Recruitment consultant Emmanuel Geslani earlier urged the POEA to bring back the OEC validation through the LACs, as the system proved effective against illegal deployment and human trafficking.*

*Apart from LACs at NAIA, the POEA also has centers at Macatan International Airport in Cebu, Davao International Airport in Davao, and Diosdado Macapagal International Airport in Pangasinana. (Jerrie M. Abella/JV, GMA News)*

**Carlito J. Marquez**

*Puerto Rico, Saipan*

but many of them don't get the chance because they are not with the "in group" or from the "right family" and this must change. The CNMI is primed for greatness so we must keep hope alive for that great leader to come along and start fixing the mess we have gotten ourselves into. But that leader may never become a reality if we continue to vote the way we have in the past—based on popularity and following the wrong people taking us nowhere fast!

There are two kinds of people in our Legislature, those who make things happen and those who watch things happening—learn who is who. It is our job to get rid of those sitting on the fence watching and doing nothing along with those who are not doing what we expect of them. Some of our politicians are literally playing our society just to stay in office and our society had better hurry up and learn how to play our politicians. They do work for you!

On a final note I want to thank the author of the letter "Where is the Indignation" for recognizing the indignation of my critics, especially the cyber rats. They always miss the important message because they are only interested in killing the messenger. As for most people being tired of me writing, he got that all wrong because most people I meet continue to tell me to keep it up and they come from all walks of life: Chamorros, Carolinians, Filipinos, mainlanders, and other ethnic groups in the CNMI.

This is still America and we need to keep the American dream alive! If we don't aspire for the American dream, then what dream and if we don't try to achieve it now, then when? I will end with a bit of wisdom from one of my mentors: "Hold fast to your dreams, for without them life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."

**Ambrose M. Bennett**

*Kagman, Saipan*

### Thank you

This is in response to Mr. Pellegrino's column. Thank you so much for sharing what you have learned as a parent. Coming from a dysfunctional family, I honestly didn't know any better how to raise my children. I went into adulthood with very low self-esteem and no sense of value for myself. I know I could've avoided so many mistakes in life if only I was loved and taught all the virtues and skills I needed to meet the challenges in life.

It is of great importance as a parent that I take responsibility for my children's growth and well-being. I have neglected my duties as a parent and now my kids suffer the consequences. What you have said is very true for me and I speak only for myself.

I believe also that it takes more than just educating a child at school to be a productive and confident adult. So with a grateful heart I will take your advice and read the book and it is my prayer that other parents will do the same. Forgiveness is a big part of developing meaningful and healthy relationships which if instilled in a child, they will invest in it in all their relationships. Thank you again for sharing.

**Olympia Manibusan**

*Kagman 3, Saipan*

### Let's keep our 'Irrensa'

"Irrensa" is who we are. We cannot lose our identity as Carolinians and Chamorros. We know better how to treat our guest workers with the respect and dignity they deserve. Just because we're Americanized doesn't give us the right to be racist, hateful, or discriminatory, or to stereotype our guest workers. In the first place our government brought these folks here to help our labor force and we should be grateful and appreciate all these guest workers.

See, folks, just because we are adopted to be part of the American family doesn't give us the right to lose our identity as Carolinians and Chamorros. Let's not forget that our "Irrensa" is the reason we are so diverse culturally and why we are kind, hospitable, and greet people with respect and humility. That's who we are as local people. We cannot deny our way of life. We always have an abundance of love as children of God almighty

We are so kind and true to our culture that we cannot hate others. American politics' way of life is the reason we learn how to manipulate our custom but deep down in our hearts we know we're trying to be Americans but the fact that we have "Irrensa" will keep us grounded as long as we breath the air of life.

We can talk and act like Americans but at the end of the day we come home and talk like grandma and grandpa and that is okay because that's who we are. See, folks, it's all about our "Irrensa" that keeps us honest to our people and we should hold tight to our "Irrensa" to keep us in touch with our custom, culture, and our way of life.

As locals, let's not forget that we are Americans but at the same time we should correct our way of life because if we don't, then somebody will come and correct it for all of us.

**Joaquin O. Romolor**






*Portland, Oregon*



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Yap	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 76
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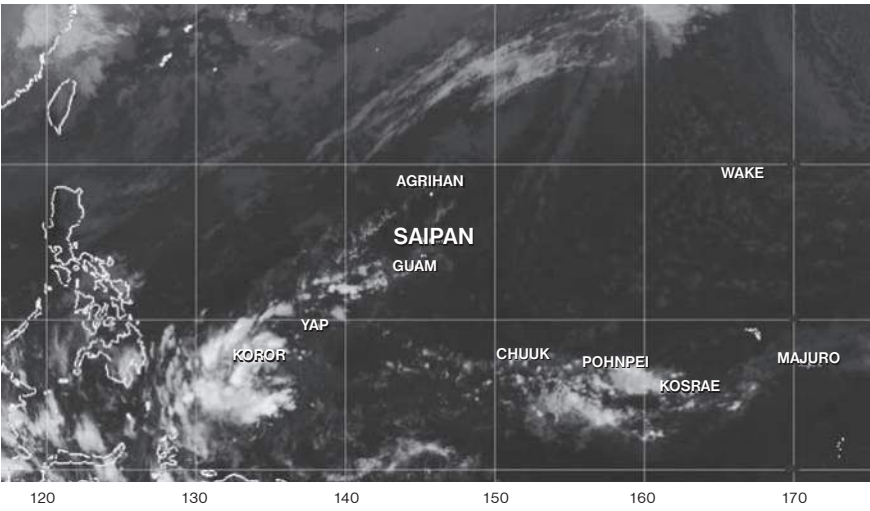
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Salem	Ice	▲ 45 ▼ 35
San Francisco	Showers	▲ 52 ▼ 42
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 41 ▼ 27
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 51 ▼ 38
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 45

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet	
7:37 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet	
1:08 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet	
6:23 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front cuts southwestward across the northwest corner of the discussion area from 25N140E to beyond 21N130E. Widespread cloudiness and rain are found along this feature and northwestward to beyond 25N. A surface trough runs northward from east of Guam at 14N149E through a low-level circulation centered near Minami Torishima at 25N152E. Scattered showers are seen near the trough axis within 70 miles of a line from 15N150E to 25N155E. Another surface trough reaches northwestward from an equatorial buffer zone near 1N142E to 9N136E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring near the trough over Koror but south of Yap between 1N and 9N from 130E to 139E. Scattered showers are present northeast of Yap within 80 miles of a line from 8N142E to 14N142E. A second cold front enters the discussion area from 10N180 to 7N174E and turns into a shear line extending west-northwestward through Majuro at 7N171E and Pohnpei at 7N158E to end at 9N144E. Clouds and patchy rain are evident along and up to 250 miles north of the cold front. Widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are happening along and up to 120 miles north of the shear line including Pohnpei and Majuro. Converging surface winds are coupling with upper-level divergence to create scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Chuuk within 100 miles of a line from 6N144E to 4N157E and also over Kosrae within 75 miles of a line from 3N160E to 6N169E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:41 AM	6:21 PM
Friday	6:41 AM	6:22 PM
Saturday	6:40 AM	6:22 PM
Sunday	6:40 AM	6:22 PM
Monday	6:39 AM	6:22 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:15 PM	5:19 AM
Friday	6:16 PM	6:09 AM
Saturday	7:17 PM	6:56 AM
Sunday	8:18 PM	7:42 AM
Monday	9:19 PM	8:29 AM

### FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF DECEMBER 16, 2010

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	DL286	7:45pm	12:20am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 7
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm	12:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50am	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX	OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5 Dec 13, 17, 20, 24 & 27 only	CA987	6:40pm	1:55am+1	4, 7 Dec 12, 16, 19, 23 & 26 only
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ716/603	12:30am	2:20pm	4, 6 via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/286	8:05am	12:20am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 7
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	1, 3, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09313/933	7:55am	9:25pm	3 via GUM	OZ702/605	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/893	7:55am	11:00pm	3 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/605	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	9:25pm	5 via GUM	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	11:00pm	5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM-Palau
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:50am+1	5 via GUM-Palau
C09605/933	6:20pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	4 via GUM
C09603/909	3:05pm	10:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM
OZ604/723	3:20pm	10:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:50am+1	5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	10:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ604/723	3:20pm	10:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	11:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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### FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



# Fernandez says King had also accused her of embezzlement

Former Northern Marianas College president Carmen Fernandez asked the federal court Tuesday to issue a partial summary judgment in her lawsuit against NMC and its former regents.

To support her motion, Fernandez filed a declaration, the declaration of her counsel, Brien Sers Nicholas, and files and records that may be presented at the hearing of the motion.

In her declaration, Fernandez stated, among other things, that she has since learned, after being provided a copy of the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division investigator Vicente Babaut's report that former regent

Janet King had also accused her of embezzlement.

Fernandez said King also accused her of covering up embezzlements during her tenure as NMC president.

"To be clear and much the same as my denial of having uttered discriminatory statements in this case, I deny such accusations in the strongest possible terms," Fernandez said.

Fernandez is suing NMC, former regents King and Maria Castro "Paz" Younis, and sitting regents Andrew L. Orsini and Frank Rabauliman for allegedly depriving her of her good name and property, conspiracy,

defamation, and conspiracy to defame her. Fernandez is also suing NMC for wrongful termination and breach of contract.

In its counter complaint, NMC is suing Fernandez for breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty. The school alleged that the former college president failed to follow proper procedures in changing some student grades, in contravention of NMC's grade change policy.

In November 2010, the federal court ordered Fernandez and NMC to submit a confidential settlement letter that could pave the way for the settlement of the case between them. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## FHB employees in Guam, CNMI raise \$18K for charities

**HAGÁTÑA, Guam**—First Hawaiian Bank employees on Guam and Saipan pledged \$18,000 for local charities during the bank's recent Kokua Mai employee giving campaign, according to an announcement today by Laura-Lynn V. Dacanay, senior vice president, Guam and CNMI region manager.

"We're especially proud that 94 percent of all First Hawaiian Bank employees participated in Kokua Mai. And, because the bank covers 100 percent of the program's administration costs, 100 percent of the employees'

donation goes to their charity of choice," said Dacanay. "Throughout the year, our employees also donate their time and talents to various non-profits in the region."

"We sincerely appreciate First Hawaiian's generous giving spirit. Their employees truly care about Guam and show us this daily in their actions and support of the community. Kokua Mai and their financial support of our agency will help to grant wishes of children from Guam and CNMI with life threatening illnesses and for this we are very grateful,"

said Victor Camacho, executive director of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam.

First Hawaiian Bank administers the employee campaign with 100 percent of the donation going directly to local charities. The annual community giving program is completely run by employees.

First Hawaiian Bank (fhb.com) with assets of \$15.2 billion is the leading bank in Guam with the largest share of loans and deposits in the region. The bank operates 58 branches in Hawaii, three in Guam and two on Saipan. (*PR*)



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



## INVITATION TO BID CUC-ITB-11-021

### SURVEYED VEHICLES

The office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting interested individuals and firms to bid on CUC surveyed vehicles located in Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Interested bidders must bid on all vehicles specified, for either Saipan, Tinian or Rota; or bid on all vehicles specified on all three Islands.

The bid form, list of surveyed vehicles and other relevant information may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Four (4) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-ITB-11-021, CUC SURVEYED VEHICLES**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 A.M. ChST, March 17, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Prospective bidders must sign a Waiver of Liability, removing CUC's liability from claims resulting from violations relating to the removal and disposal of the surveyed vehicles. CUC shall transfer and assign the surveyed vehicles to the prospective bidder in a "**As is, Where is**" condition. By accepting this transfer and assignment, the bidder acknowledges that CUC has made no representation or warranties of the merchantability, quality, fitness, and condition of the properties.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the CUC.

All inquiries shall be must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), **March 11, 2011** to Manny B. Sablan, Purchasing Officer, via email [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net) or Joseph M. Fejeran, Purchasing Specialist via email [jfejeran@cucgov.net](mailto:jfejeran@cucgov.net).

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## INVITATION TO BID ITB11-GOV-050

### Tier II Testing Services for the Puerto Rico Dump Final Closure

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids to engage services of a qualified environmental testing firm to perform a Tier 2 sampling and analysis to determine NMOC (non-methane organic compound) concentration at the existing Puerto Rico Dump, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Friday, February 4, 2011 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. No fee for the project package will be assessed.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be no Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project. Bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting their bids. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m., ChST, on February 14, 2011 to Mr. John Reyes of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked "**ITB11-GOV-050**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, February 22, 2011. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, February 22, 2011, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than February 22, 2011 and must be received no later than March 1, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. ChST, March 1, 2011. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m., ChST, on February 22, 2011. Performance time for completion of this project is ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/S/ BENIGNO R. FITIAL, Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/S/ Herman S. Sablan, Director  
Procurement and Supply, DOF



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**  
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## INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW11-IFB-003

### CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PAVILIONS AT CAPITOL HILL PARK, SAIPAN

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of Two Pavilions at Capitol Hill Park, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)

The project package will be available on or after February 10, 2011 at DPW Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (**US\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certificate (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Preference is available to US Citizens or Permanent Residents as per Public Law 15-95 and as further Amended by Public Law 15-118 and must be submitted with the BID or PROPOSAL if preference is claimed.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on March 02, 2011, 1:00 p.m. local time at the project site located at Capitol Hill Baseball Park, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on March 07, 2011 to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**. 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW11-IFB-003**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of the sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 1:00 p.m. local time March 14, 2011. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 1:00 p.m. local time March 14, 2011, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of the sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **March 14, 2011** and must be received no later than **March 23, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required numbers of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 1:00 p.m. local time, **March 28, 2011**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bid will be opened at 1:00 p.m. local time, on **March 17, 2011**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen percent (15% of the bid amount) must accompany the bid. Bid Security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulation Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for the contract greater than \$25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time and completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (**120**) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at one hundred dollars (**US\$100.00**) per working day for delay beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN  
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director of Procurement & Supply



# Business

## Obama, GOP steering onto budget collision course

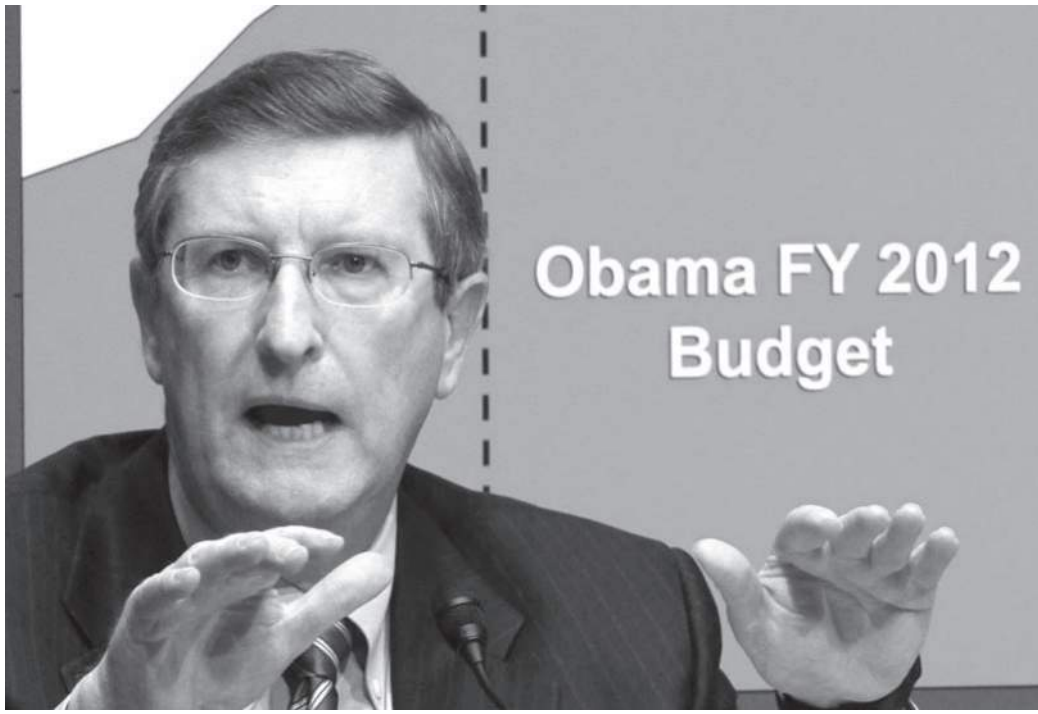
WASHINGTON (AP)—On a collision course over spending, House Republicans advanced a sweeping, \$61 billion package of budget reductions on Tuesday despite a veto threat and a warning from President Barack Obama against cuts “that could endanger the recovery.”

Congressional Democrats said the Republican cuts would reduce U.S. employment rather than add to it and leapt to criticize when House Speaker John Boehner said “so be it” if federal government jobs are lost.

Spending legislation must be signed into law by March 4 to prevent a government shutdown that neither side says it wants. The GOP bill, separate from the 2012 budget Obama unveiled on Monday, covers spending for the fiscal year that ends on Sept. 30.

The current legislation would affect domestic programs ranging from education and science to agriculture and parks, and it marks the first significant attack on federal deficits by Republicans elected last fall with the support of tea party activists. Passage is likely by week’s end in the House, but a frosty reception is expected later in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

For all the maneuvering, the measure is merely a first round in what looms as a politically



Senate Budget Committee chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., leads a hearing on President Obama's FY2012 budget with Office of Management and Budget Director Jack Lew as the witness, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011.

defining struggle that will soon expand to encompass Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, the large government programs that provide benefits directly to tens of millions.

“We know we can’t balance this budget simply by reducing nonsecurity, nondefense spending,” said Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, referring to the 359-page bill that would cut \$61 billion from domestic programs.

“But as the saying goes, the

journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. This is that first step.”

The measure is sweeping in its scope, cutting spending from literally hundreds of domestic budget accounts and eliminating many others.

In contrast to cuts for many agencies, the Pentagon would get an increase from current levels, and the House rejected a handful of efforts to scale it back.

The largest proposed cut, an

attempt by Rep. Luis Guterrez, D-Ill., to slice \$415 million from production of the V-22 Osprey aircraft, was defeated on a vote of 326-105.

In a reflection of tea party priorities, earmarks are banned in the bill. And in a fulfillment of a promise that Republicans made to the voters last fall, about \$100 billion would be cut from funds that Obama requested for the current fiscal year.

While Republicans touted their legislation as an essential step toward deficit control, Democrats argued it was dangerous.

“With severe and indiscriminate spending cuts, it goes too far. This legislation will destroy American jobs while harming middle class families, young adults, seniors and, yes, even our veterans,” said California Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic leader.

At a White House news conference, Obama said he looked forward to working with lawmakers in both parties on the spending bill, which he noted includes funding to allow the government to remain in operation after existing authority expires on March 4.

At the same time, in an apparent reference to the GOP campaign promises for \$100 billion in cuts, he said, “I think it is important to make sure that we don’t try to make a series of symbolic cuts this year that could endanger the recovery.”

A few hours after Obama spoke, the White House issued a formal statement expressing “strong opposition” to the legislation. It threatened a veto if the bill “undermines critical priorities or national security or curtails the drivers of long-term economic growth and job creation.”

## Apple unveils iPhone, iPad subscription policy

NEW YORK (AP)—Apple Inc. announced a subscription system for buying newspapers and magazines on iPhone and iPad applications on Tuesday, making it easier for publishers to mine the popular mobile devices for more revenue.

The update announced Tuesday enables publishers to sell subscriptions by the week, month, year or other period of time, instead of asking readers to buy each issue separately.

The added convenience promises to help publishers sell more digital copies as they look to smart phones and tablet computers to replace some of the revenue that has disappeared over the past few years as readers and advertisers migrated from print editions.

But publishers won’t be allowed to automatically collect

personal information about people who buy subscriptions through the Apple apps. That data is prized by publishers because they use it for marketing purposes.

Instead, subscribers who sign up through an app on an Apple device will be given the option to share their information with publishers, a choice most people don’t make. If people don’t share their information with publishers, Apple will still hold onto it, though it will not pass it on to the publishers or other third parties.

Time Inc., whose magazines include Sports Illustrated, People and Time, applauded Apple for allowing publishers to sell app subscriptions, but said it still has questions about access to customer information. Sports Illustrated, for one, already has worked out deals to sell sub-

scriptions with access to customer data on computer tablets running on software made by Apple rivals Google Inc. and Hewlett-Packard Co.

Apple will take its standard 30 percent cut from all app and content sales made in its iTunes store, which peddles a variety of music, movies, games and e-books. This new subscription system also applies to video and music services—for instance, the app for Netflix.

Content providers that don’t want to automatically give Apple a slice of the revenue can try to sell subscriptions outside the app, too. One way to do that would be through the Web browser, although that might prove too much of a hassle for people already used to buying apps, music and other things on iTunes.

## Cruz appointed vice president, Yap branch manager

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam has promoted Joseph D. Cruz to vice president and manager of its branch on Yap.

With the bank for 10 years, Cruz was hired in 2001 as a management trainee. He was assigned to the bank’s Corporate Banking Group and its Marketing Department before being appointed branch man-

ager of its Upper Tumon branch.

In January 2010, Cruz was made branch manager of the Harmon branch before he accepted the Yap branch appointment in November.

Cruz received his BS in International Business in 1999 from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. He went on to complete his Masters in Public Administration



Cruz

from the University of Guam in 2002. In 2007, Cruz received his Professional Masters in Business Administration.

Cruz has been a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam. In 2010, he was

recognized as the Bank of Guam Branch Manager of the Year.

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### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### United temporarily grounds 96 aircraft

CHICAGO (AP)—United Continental Holdings says some 96 United Airlines aircraft have been temporarily grounded voluntarily while the carrier performs maintenance checks that were not completed. Tuesday’s grounding has caused at least 17 flights to be canceled and an unspecified number of delays. The maintenance checks take 60 to 90 minutes. The issue could affect United’s schedule into Wednesday. Airline spokeswoman Megan McCarthy says United grounded the Boeing 757 aircraft because the carrier determined that it had not completed operational checks after updating air data computers following a 2004 federal directive.

#### On-time bill payment follows more holiday card use

NEW YORK (AP)—Credit card users didn’t suffer a holiday hangover this year. The top six U.S. credit card issuers posted the lowest rates of default and late payments in two years in January, a strong sign that consumers had a handle on paying their bills after the holidays. The improvements followed a return to credit card use during the holiday season, after consumers pock-

eted their plastic throughout the recession. Card networks all reported higher usage for the fourth quarter after two years of declines. Citibank reported the biggest improvement, with a default, or charge-off, rate of 7.49 percent of balances on an annualized basis in January, down from 8.34 percent in December. Payments that were 35 days or more late fell to 4.35 percent, from 4.44 percent.

#### Mitsubishi gets \$34 million incentive for factory

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Mitsubishi Electric will receive more than \$34 million in tax incentives for building a \$200 million high-voltage power transformer factory that is expected to create 281 jobs in Memphis, documents show. Mitsubishi Electric Power Products announced plans Monday to build the plant on 140 acres at an industrial park near the Mississippi River. The plant, which is expected to open in 2013, represents the largest investment for Mitsubishi Electric in the United States. The 281 new jobs will have an expected average wage of \$49,790. The total economic impact is projected at \$639 million, according to a report released Tuesday by the Memphis and Shelby County Office of Economic Development.



### LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
12,226.64	1,328.01	2,804.35
-41.55	-4.31	-12.83
-0.34%	-0.32%	-0.46%

### EXCHANGE RATES

in U.S. dollar terms	Australian Dollar	1.0055	Indian Rupee	45.515	Singapore Dollar	1.2806
	British Pound	0.6201	Indonesian Rupiah	8907.5	South Korean Won	1119.25
	Canadian Dollar	0.9897	Japanese Yen	83.8493	Swiss Franc	0.967
	Chinese Yuan	6.5907	Malaysian Ringgit	3.0475	Taiwan Dollar	29.4365
	Euro	0.7416	New Zealand Dollar	1.3316	Thailand Baht	30.705



# Nation

## Obama on Mideast: Power by coercion won't last

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Warily watching protests ripple across the Middle East, President Barack Obama said Tuesday that governments in the vital, volatile region are figuring out that they “can’t maintain power through coercion.” He slammed Iran as an exception, accusing the U.S. foe of beating and shooting protesters.

The public uprisings that toppled the leaders of Egypt and Tunisia have ignited protests and violent clashes in Bahrain, Yemen and Iran. With strategic U.S. interests in each of those countries, Obama conceded he is concerned about the region’s stability. And he prodded governments to get out ahead of the change.

In his most expansive comments yet about the unrest spilling across the Middle East and north Africa, Obama signaled that he would stick with his Egyptian model: Prod governments to allow peaceful protests and to respond to grievances, but stay silent about who should run the countries or what change should look like.

The Egyptian experience has cemented Obama’s doctrine of dealing with countries grappling with upheaval: direction that falls short of dictates. He said the lesson for all the nations is that they will only

see lasting change, and gain both international and internal support for it, when it comes through “moral force.”

“These are sovereign countries that are going to have to make their own decisions,” Obama said at his first full news conference of the year. “What we can do is lend moral support to those who are seeking a better life for themselves.”

Whether moral support is enough is often the issue as the United States tries to help shape

events in the Middle East that are out of its control. The unrest in the region, and its potential impact on leadership of friendly and rival nations, can in turn affect U.S. economic, military and security interests.

Obama singled out Iran, where hardline lawmakers are calling for the country’s opposition leaders to face trial and be put to death. Tens of thousands of people turned out for an opposition rally Monday in solidarity with Egypt’s revolt,

the first such demonstration since a violent crackdown on protesters in 2009.

“I find it ironic that you’ve got the Iranian regime pretending to celebrate what happened in Egypt when, in fact, they have acted in direct contrast to what happened in Egypt by gunning down and beating people who were trying to express themselves peacefully in Iran,” Obama said.

What began with an uprising in Tunisia emboldened massive

protests in Egypt, mobilized in part by the social media networks Facebook and Twitter. In less than three weeks, autocratic Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak stepped down under enormous pressure, and

the makings of a democracy are under way.

Now the White House is trying to get ahead of events across the Arab world even as Obama encourages other leaders to do the same.



President Barack Obama gestures during a news conference on the White House complex in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011.

## Man, 84, survives desert ordeal over 5 days

**PHOENIX (AP)**—Henry Morello began to lose hope after being stranded in his car in the Arizona desert for five long days in which the 84-year-old drank windshield wiper fluid, used car mats to stay warm and read a car manual from cover to cover to pass the time.

Then, he heard a knock on a window from a hiker, and suddenly his long, painful ordeal was over.

“I just kissed him,” Morello said of the hiker. “He looked like an angel to me.”

Morello described his ordeal at a hospital news conference Tuesday as he recalled making a wrong turn while driving home Feb. 7 from a restaurant and ending up stuck in the desert. His car and cell phone battery soon went dead as rescuers looked for him.

Morello said he became stranded when—realizing he made a wrong turn—made a U-turn and ended up in a ditch.

He tried to crawl out of the car but did not get too far and returned. He ripped a chrome piece from his car and put it on the roof, hoping someone would see the reflection.

Overnight temperatures the week he was missing were in the upper 30s to the mid-40s, the National Weather Service

said. The hikers who found him Saturday morning weren’t identified at the news conference, but Jim Sheehan, a search and rescue leader, said they knew of the missing man.

“Nobody ever gave up” in the search, said Sheehan, who was on a search plane when he got a call saying Morello had been found.

Morello is a patient at John C. Lincoln Hospital in Phoenix, where doctors said he arrived in good condition considering what he’d been through. A diabetic, Morello, will stay in the hospital a few days while doctors treat him for kidney damage. It wasn’t immediately clear if drinking the windshield wiper fluid had done him any harm.

Dr. Kevin Veale said initial reports were that Morello had consumed some antifreeze, which would have been much worse than wiper fluid.

Morello lives on his own but a caregiver visits daily. His family is in Chicago, but friends in Arizona kept them informed about the search.

About 100 volunteers passed out fliers and searched on the ground for Morello over four days, after authorities got word that he was missing. The efforts began Wednesday.

Morello won’t be driving by himself for a long time, said Sheehan, who has been friends with Morello for 15 years.

And Morello says he’s

learned a lesson the hard way: “I’ll never drive without water,” Morello said.



Henry Morello, of Anthem, Ariz., talks about his ordeal in the desert during a news conference, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, in Phoenix.

## Hispanics now outnumber Native Americans in Okla.

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)**—A state that has been considered the heart of the nation’s Indian Country since the Trail of Tears nearly two centuries ago now has more residents who identify themselves as Hispanic than Native American, according to figures released Tuesday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

While Oklahoma is likely to maintain the nation’s largest per capita population of Native Americans, their numbers are not growing nearly as rapidly as the booming Hispanic population.

Over the past decade, the number of Hispanics has nearly doubled from 179,304 in 2000 to 332,007 in 2010. Hispanics now account for 9 percent of the state’s 3.75 million residents, compared to 8.5 percent for Native Americans.

“I suspect that Native Americans took a little bit of pride in being the largest minority population,” said state Rep. Paul Wesselhoft, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi tribe. “Now it’s the Hispanic population that can now take that pride.”

Oklahoma’s history has been linked to Native Americans

decades before it gained statehood in 1907. It is home to dozens of sovereign tribes, many forced from their homes along the Trail of Tears in the 1830s. It’s also the birthplace of iconic cowboy and humorist Will Rogers, a member of a prominent Cherokee Nation family who was born in Indian Territory that later became the state.

While the 85 percent population spike has allowed Hispanics to become the state’s largest minority, the population of people identifying themselves solely as Native Americans increased from 273,230 in 2000 (7.9 percent of all Oklahoma residents) to 321,687 (8.5 percent) in 2010.

When all combinations of mixed-race people are included, over 12 percent of Oklahomans claim some level of Indian ancestry.

Former Oklahoma House Speaker Larry Adair, chairman of the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, said it proves the state continues to be a “melting pot.” Still, he said he was surprised Hispanics had moved past Native Americans in population.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Ex-judge admits tax fraud, denies taking bribes

**SCRANTON, Pa. (AP)**—A former northeastern Pennsylvania judge admitted Tuesday that he was deep in debt and living beyond his means when he accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars from the builder of two privately owned juvenile detention centers, but he insisted the payments were legal “finder’s fees” and not bribes as the federal government has alleged. Ex-Luzerne County Judge Mark Ciavarella took the witness stand at his federal racketeering trial and tried to stem the damage from a week of testimony that he took more than \$2 million in illegal kickbacks from the builder of the juvenile lockups and extorted hundreds of thousands of dollars from the facilities’ co-owner - a scandal known as “kids for cash” that resulted in the dismissal of thousands of juvenile convictions.

#### E-mails: Ariz. college was on alert for Loughner

**TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)**—The Arizona college that Jared Loughner attended was on alert and concerned he would return to the Tucson campus a week before a Jan. 8 shooting spree that killed six and wounded 13, including a congresswoman, according to e-mail messages. The Arizona Republic, under the state’s public records law, obtained a series of e-mails from December showing Pima Community College police planned to distribute Loughner’s picture to staff members and instruct night officers to watch

for the former student. “I will have a photo of Jared copied and given to the swing shift crew and have them conduct more frequent checks of the Northwest Campus,” wrote Manny Amado, college police commander, in a Dec. 28 e-mail, the Republic reported. Loughner was forced out of the college three months earlier after school officials said he was acting bizarre in class.

#### Pa. governor fires workers after abortion scandal

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)**—Some state employees have been fired and two agencies have overhauled their regulations in the wake of allegations that a doctor performed illegal abortions that killed a patient and viable infants, Gov. Tom Corbett announced Tuesday. “It happened because people weren’t doing their jobs, plain and simple,” Corbett said. Corbett said that four attorneys and two supervisors at the departments of Health and State were either fired or resigned on Friday and that eight other employees involved in the internal investigation remain on the state payroll. Others had previously resigned, he said. “This doesn’t even rise to the level of government run amok,” Corbett said at a Capitol news conference at which he described his administration’s actions in the month since Dr. Kermit Gosnell and eight employees of his West Philadelphia clinic were charged criminally. “It was government not running at all. To call this unacceptable doesn’t say enough. It’s despicable.”



## Asia

## Pacquiao's a knockout during visit to Congress

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Manny Pacquiao stopped traffic outside the White House on Tuesday, during a whirlwind tour of the nation's capital that included meetings with President Barack Obama and Sen. Harry Reid, the senior member of the U.S. Senate.

The Filipino boxing sensation was crossing the street near the White House when several drivers, trying to snap photos of Pacquiao with cell phones, caused a multicar pileup, Pacquiao publicist Fred Sternburg

told The Associated Press. Nobody was hurt in the accident.

Pacquiao and his wife, Jinkee, spent time talking boxing and basketball with the president, along with a bit of business. Pacquiao was elected representative in the Philippine Congress from the Sarangani province nine months ago in national elections and has taken the new job as seriously as he does boxing. He already has explored building the area's first provincial hospital.

"This is an unforgettable moment in my life," Pacquiao said earlier in the day.

The eight-division world champion posed with Obama

for several photos, including a boxing pose, in the Oval Office, Sternburg said. The president gave him three grocery bags full of light blue M&M's with the presidential seal, along with a watch adorned with the seal, and said he hopes to someday visit the Philippines.

Pacquiao invited the president to his fight against Shane Mosley on May 7 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Sternburg said. Obama said he would be busy but promised to watch on television.

"Manny said it was very impressive being in the Oval Office, seeing it first hand. He said

it was a great honor to meet the president of the United States," Sternburg said, pausing to laugh. "He also said the President is a very tall man."

Earlier, Pacquiao roamed the halls of the Capitol as the guest of Reid, a Democrat and long-ago boxer whose recent re-election was no doubt helped by Pac-

quiao's campaign appearances.

After Reid and Pacquiao exchanged national flags, Reid was asked how long he would last in his prime if the two exchanged punches.

"About five seconds," Reid said.

Pacquiao arrived in town by train on Tuesday, wrapping up

a press tour promoting his next fight that began in Los Angeles and included stops in Las Vegas and New York. The fact that he has arrived on the scene has been good for boxing, making plenty of high-profile fans and bringing some mainstream attention to a sport that has been seemingly dying for decades.

## NKorea's Kim Jong Il turning to designer fakes?

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—It's a North Korean version of Christmas, with Kim Jong Il playing Santa Claus. In past years, the authoritarian leader has celebrated his birthday by handing out gifts to his people ranging from rice to Rolexes, an annual attempt to buy loyalty and stability.

But this year, there are signs that gift baskets may be lighter and knockoff Gucci could replace the real thing as Kim celebrates his 69th birthday on Wednesday.

North Korea is already begging other countries for food handouts and newly tightened international sanctions are squeezing Kim's ability to secure foreign merchandise, suggesting this year's celebration could be curtailed. Any such belt-tightening would be a gamble, though. Kim needs to main-

tain loyalty while maneuvering his inexperienced youngest son, Kim Jong Un, into position to eventually succeed him. The annual gifts, especially those given to the elite, have been a way for Kim to do just that, no matter how tough times get.

But this year many North Koreans are hungry, and a brutal winter is threatening the early spring harvest. The country is coping with natural disasters: foot-and-mouth disease has devastated its livestock and heavy flooding swamped precious farmland last year. There is also the ever-present tension with neighboring South Korea.

A little traditional birthday cheer wouldn't go amiss in such times.

North Korea, however, has vowed to turn itself into a powerful country by next year, the centennial of the birth of

Kim's father, Kim Il Sung, the country's revered founder and eternal president. It may be necessary to skimp on gifts this year to save up for next year's celebrations, when making sure there are enough gifts and food to go around could be even more crucial.

In the past, Pyongyang has proudly announced that every child in the country got presents on the Kims' birthdays, the nation's most important holidays.

For Kim's birthday in 1998, North Korean troops received Seiko watches, a former elite soldier told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the issue's sensitivity. The ex-soldier, who defected to South Korea in 2003, also said houses, Mercedes-Benzes, Audis, Toyotas, Rolexes and other luxury goods were doled out to important officials.



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev., left, and Filipino Congressman and eight-term world champion boxer Manny Pacquiao are seen on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, after they exchanged flags.

## Girl with 12 fingers, 14 toes reaches for a record

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—From almost the moment Le Yati Min was born, her mother knew the girl had a little something extra.

"I asked the nurses whether my kid was born complete with hands and legs," says her mother. "They replied that the baby even has more than she needs."

Born with 12 fingers and 14 toes, Le may be the most "digitally enhanced" person in the world. Now, the 16-month-old girl's family in impoverished Myanmar is seeking a Guinness World Record to prove it.

A neighbor is helping her mother apply to claim the record hearing that a boy from India currently hold bragging rights for the most digits, with 12 fingers and 13 toes.

Polydactylism—being born with an extra finger or toe—is fairly unusual, but it is even more rare for someone to have spare functional digits on both hands and feet, as Le does.

Le lives with her family in a small wooden house on the outskirts of the Southeast Asian country's former capital of Yangon, where she runs around with seven toes on each foot.

Proud mom Phyo Min Min Soe, 26, said Tuesday that she'd be happy to see Le gain a world record, but even without that, her daughter already has a happy life, and even some natural advantages.

"She seems to have a stronger grip on things—so she doesn't drop things much," she says, as Le plays nearby with a mobile phone.

According to the Guinness World Records website, the record for most fingers and toes for a living person is currently held by two people in India, who have 12 fingers and 13 toes each.



Sixteen-month-old Lei Yadi Min plays on a chair at her house in South Okkalapa township on the outskirts of Yangon, Myanmar, on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

## China upholds death sentence for 3 Filipinos

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine government said Tuesday that China had upheld death sentences for three Filipinos convicted of drug trafficking, and the mother of one of them appealed to the president to help her "victimized" daughter. The foreign affairs department said it received information on Friday that the Supreme People's Court in Beijing had reviewed and rendered its decision on five cases of Filipinos sentenced to death by courts in Fujian and Guangdong provinces. The court gave two-year reprieves for two of the Filipinos—such reprieves are usually commuted to life in prison—but upheld the death sentences by lethal injection for the three others. The department said it was disappointed and saddened by the decision and continued to seek lesser sentences for the two women aged 32 and 38 and a 42-year-old man.

## Former president who aided Fiji coup dies at 91

SUVA, Fiji (AP)—Ratu Josefa Iloilo, a Fijian tribal chief who as president made crucial decisions backing the military takeover of the South Pacific country, has died at age 91. The government is honoring Iloilo with a full state funeral Thursday, and national flags on all government buildings will stay at half staff until the funeral

ends. He had a longtime heart condition, and the government said he died Feb. 7 at Suva Private Hospital. A traditional high chief and former teacher, Iloilo became a key ally of armed forces chief Commodore Frank Bainimarama who overthrew the elected government in a December 2006 coup amid rising tensions between indigenous Fijians and the country's large ethnic Indian minority.

## Malaysian lovers nabbed in anti-Valentine's drive

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Islamic morality police in Malaysia have detained 40 unmarried Muslim couples in hotel rooms during Operation Valentine, aimed at curbing illegal premarital sex. Mohamad Rais Rashid with the Islamic Department of the central Malaysian state of Selangor says scores of officers raided budget hotels Monday evening, detaining unmarried Muslim couples who were sharing rooms. Rais said Tuesday the detained would likely be charged with "khalwat," or "close proximity," which is described under Shariah law as when unmarried couples are alone together in a private place. Authorities carry out raids each year on Valentine's Day in this Muslim-majority country, after the main Islamic body issued an edict in 2005 banning Muslims from celebrating what it said was a day synonymous with vice.



## World

## Bahrain square becomes new center for Arab anger

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)**—Thousands of protesters took over a main square in Bahrain's capital Tuesday—carting in tents and raising banners—in a bold attempt to copy Egypt's uprising and force high-level changes in one of Washington's key allies in the Gulf.

The move by demonstrators capped two days of clashes across the tiny island kingdom that left at least two people dead, parliament in limbo by an opposition boycott and the king making a rare address on national television to offer condolences for the bloodshed.

Security forces—apparently under orders to hold back—watched from the sidelines as protesters chanted slogans mocking the nation's ruling sheiks and called for sweeping political reforms and an end to monarchy's grip on key decisions and government posts.

The unrest in Bahrain, home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, adds another layer to Washington's worries in the region. In Yemen, police and government supporters battled nearly 3,000 marchers calling for the ouster of President Ali Abdullah Saleh in a fifth straight day of violence.

Yemen is seen as a critical partner in the U.S. fight against a network inspired by al-Qaida. The Pentagon plans to boost its training of Yemen's counterterrorism forces to expand the push against the al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula faction, which has been linked to attacks including the attempted airliner bombing in December 2009 and the failed mail bomb plot involving cargo planes last summer.

Saleh has been holding talks with Yemen's powerful tribes, which can either tip the balance against him or give him enough strength to possibly ride out the crisis.

The political mutinies in the Arab world show the wide reach of the calls for change spurred by the toppling of old-guard regimes in Tunisia and Egypt.

In Jordan, hundreds of Bedouin tribesmen blocked roads to demand the government return lands they once owned. Saudi activists are seeking to form a political party in a rare challenge to the near-absolute power of the pro-Western monarchy.

Yemen's grinding poverty and tribal complexities also stand in contrast to the relative wealth and Western-style malls and coffee shops in Bahrain's capital of Manama.

But many in Bahrain still boiled down their discontent to a cry for economic justice as well—saying the Sunni rulers control the privileges and opportunities and the Shiite majority struggles with what's left over and are effectively blackballed from important state jobs.

"I demand what every Bahraini should have: a job and a house," said student Ifthikhar Ali, 27, who joined the



A Bahraini boy waves a flag while standing on the Pearl Monument on a main square in Manama, Bahrain, Tuesday Feb. 15, 2011.

crowds in the seaside Pearl Square. "I believe in change."

Protesters quickly renamed it "Nation's Square" and erected banners such as "Peaceful" that were prominent in Cairo's Tahrir Square. Many waved

Bahraini flags and chanted: "No Sunnis, no Shiites. We are all Bahrainis."

Others set up tents and distributed tea and kabobs for those planning to spend the night under one of the city's landmarks: a nearly 300-foot (90-meter)

monument cradling a giant white pearl-shaped ball that symbolizes the country's heritage as a pearl diving center.

Someone used stones to spell out the message in Arabic: "The real criminals are the royal family."

There is no direct call to bring down the king, whose family has ruled Bahrain for more than two centuries. But he is suddenly under unprecedented pressure to make serious changes in how the country is run.

The key demands—listed on a poster erected in the square—included the release of all political prisoners, more jobs and housing, an elected Cabinet and the replacement of the longtime prime minister, Sheik Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Even the security forces they have battled represent something more than just state-backed muscle.

Bahrain's leaders have for years granted citizenship to Sunnis from across the region to expand their base of loyalists and try to gain demographic ground against Shiites, about 70 percent of the population of some 500,000. Many of the Sunnis—Jordanians, Syrians and others—receive police jobs or other security-related posts.

In a clear sign of concern over the widening crisis, King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa went on nationwide TV to offer condolences for the deaths, pledge an investigation into the killings and promising to push ahead with promised reforms, which include loosening state controls on the media and Internet.

"We extend our condolences to the parents of the dear sons who died yesterday and today. We pray that they are inspired by the Almighty's patience, solace and tranquility," said the

## Mubarak loyalist becomes Egypt's transition leader

**CAIRO (AP)**—A U.S. diplomatic cable reported that the defense minister was known as "Mubarak's poodle," a derisive reference to his unswerving loyalty to the former authoritarian president.

Yet huge crowds of Egyptians who demonstrated for 18 days against Hosni Mubarak's rule saw Defense Minister Hussein Tantawi and his troops as their savior. They appealed to the military to intervene in Egypt's crisis, and the generals did.

Tantawi, the head of the ruling council that took power from Mubarak on Friday, is the new leader of what many Egyptians hope will be a radical transformation of their nation. The 75-year-old career soldier will be one of the most scrutinized figures in Egypt in the months ahead when his council has promised to steer the country toward a democratic system, sealed by elections.

But he is an unlikely steward for the task, a man said to be resistant to change and out of touch with the younger officer corps.

"Tantawi and the army gave a strong message to the public and Mubarak: We are with the people and their legitimate demands," said Abdullah el-Sinnawi, editor-in-chief of el-Araby, an opposition weekly newspaper. "He managed to unify the army under his command," el-Sinnawi added. Some low- and middle-ranking officers did not hide their sympathy for the protesters, cheering and mingling with demonstrators.

The generally positive reviews of the military's actions, coming so soon after they took power, surprised some who thought Tantawi lacked the reflex for change.

On Tuesday, the Armed Forces Supreme Council said a panel of experts would craft constitutional

amendments so as to allow free elections later this year. Previously, the military dissolved parliament, which was stacked with Mubarak loyalists, and suspended the constitution, meeting key demands of pro-democracy activists.

The military, which has long received huge quantities of U.S. aid, maneuvered deftly in the crisis. It did not use force against protesters, earning the gratitude of crowds that appealed for the armed forces to push Mubarak from power after nearly 30 years.

The military had sought a neutral role in the conflict. But it swung against the president in his final hours to prevent more bloodshed and chaos, saying it did not want all of Egypt's achievements to be lost. The shift was evident on the ground, where soldiers tossed sweets, cookies and bottles of water to protesters outside a presidential palace in Cairo.



## Bahrain

Size 293 sq. mi. (760 sq. km)

**Population** 738,000

**Government** Constitutional monarchy ruled by King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa; cabinet appointed by the king

## Economy

**GDP, per person** \$40,400

**Growth rate** 3.9%

**Unemployment** 15%

**Main industries** Oil processing and refining, offshore banking, insurance, tourism

**Military** Volunteer armed forces (no conscription); home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet

## Current situation

- Tension between the royal family and the ruling elite, most of whom are Sunni Muslim, and the locals, who make up about 70 percent of the population, are mostly Shiite and are discriminated against
- Thousands, mostly Shiites, have been protesting against the government; largest Shiite bloc has withdrawn from parliament

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Graphic: Pat Carr

king, who had previously called for an emergency Arab summit to discuss the growing unrest.

Bahrain is one of the most politically volatile nations in the Middle East's wealthiest corner despite having one of the few elected parliaments and some of the most robust civil society groups.

The nation's Shiites have long complained of discrimination. A crackdown on perceived dissent last year touched off weeks of riots and clashes in Shiite villages, and an ongoing trial in Bahrain accuses 25 Shiites of plotting against the leadership. The detainees allege they have been tortured behind bars.

Bahrain is also an economic weakling compared with the staggering energy riches of Gulf neighbors such as Saudi Arabia and Qatar, which can afford far more generous social benefits. Bahrain's oil reserves are small and its role as the region's international financial hub has been greatly eclipsed by Dubai.

## WORLD BRIEFS

## Italy's Berlusconi indicted in prostitution probe

**MILAN (AP)**—His penchant for beautiful young women has cost him his wife, and now may cost Silvio Berlusconi what he cherishes most: power. The 74-year-old Italian premier was ordered Tuesday to stand trial on charges he paid a 17-year-

old Moroccan girl for sex, and then used his influence to cover it up—an offense that, if proven, could see him barred permanently from public office. Berlusconi has called the allegations "groundless" and dismissed the case as a "farce," accusing prosecutors of seeking to oust him from power. He did not comment Tues-

day, skipping a news conference in Sicily and meeting with his lawyer in Rome.

## 1 US immigration agent dead, 1 injured in Mexico

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent was killed and another

wounded while driving through northern Mexico Tuesday, in a rare attack on American officials in this country which is fighting powerful drug cartels. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said one agent was critically wounded in the attack and died from his injuries. The second agent was shot in the arm and

leg and remains in stable condition. "I'm deeply saddened by the news that earlier today, two U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents assigned to the ICE Attache office in Mexico City were shot in the line of duty while driving between Mexico City and Monterrey by unknown assailants," she said.



# Environment

## AT THE NEXT FIRST FRIDAY FILMS

# How one person can change the world

*The Man Who Planted Trees*—a story of one person's sacrifice to benefit future generations and the environment—will be featured at the next First Friday Films at American Memorial Park on March 4 at 6:30pm.

The animated movie brings to life the classic story of an old man who collects acorns and other seedlings and revives a once deserted and barren wasteland and creates a beautiful environment for building homes and raising families. Guest speakers will highlight the importance of trees and how they breathe life into the world. Don't miss out on this wonderful and educational event!

The story written by Jean Giono captures the humble work of Elezeard Bouffier whose quest is to bring life to an unforgiving wasteland. Living alone, although he is an old man, Elezeard plants acorns with a long metal pole used to make holes in the soil. After planting rows and rows of trees,



he builds another home some yards away to continue his tree planting. The little seeds he plants over time grow into huge magnificent oak forest with running streams. Elezeard can be

described in this quote by Gaylord Nelson, former governor of Wisconsin and co-founder of Earth Day: "The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice

something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard."

*The Man Who Planted Trees* is made possible by generous support from the Tan Sui Lin Foundation and the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance. First Friday Films is a monthly environmental film series from the National Park Service and the Division of Environmental Quality.

The Pacific Historic Parks (formerly the Arizona Memorial Museum Association) Bookstore, located inside the visitor's center, will be open until 8:30pm. All proceeds go to community education programs.

For planning purposes, the movie runs about 85 minutes long. As always, First Friday Films is free and open to the public. Find more information about the film at [www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com](http://www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com). Subscribe to the blog for regular updates on upcoming events.

For more information on the upcoming event feel free

to contact Aric Bickel or Lisa Eller, Division of Environmental Quality 664-8510 or Nancy

Kelchner, National Park Service, American Memorial Park, 483-7253. **(PR)**

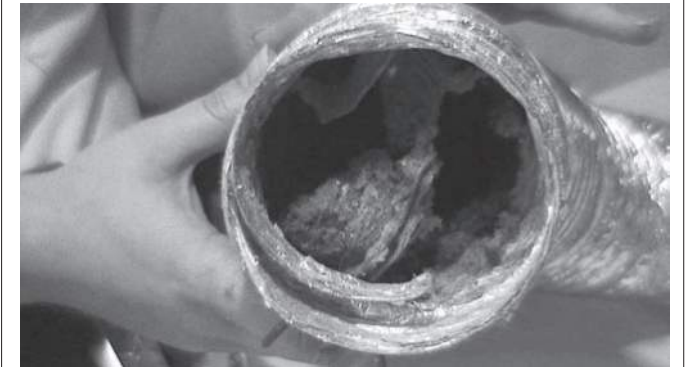
## Show the planet some love, too

By **TERRI BENNETT**  
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Valentine's Day is here and love is in the air. Unfortunately, love isn't the only thing lingering in the air, as mercury and a whole host of other hazardous pollutants are present too. This Valentine's Day why not start showing the planet a little love as well by minimizing the amount of pollution you create.

One of the best ways to lower the amount of air, land and water pollution you create is to use electricity wisely. This means using only what you need and only when you need it. That's because most of the electricity generated in this country comes from burning coal. That process alone releases more than 50 different hazardous chemicals into the environment including mercury, arsenic and nitrogen oxides, which contribute to ground level ozone. This doesn't even include the environmental cost of mining the coal or disposing of the hazardous waste it leaves behind.

The biggest way you can reduce your use of electricity is to start at home. Make sure the clothes dryer vent is clean and running efficiently, set your hot water heater to 120 degrees Fahr-



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Make sure the clothes dryer vent is clean and running efficiently.

enheit or lower, and unplug all those chargers when they aren't charging anything. Small electronics such as chargers account for up to 10 percent of energy wasted in American homes because they sip power whenever they're left plugged in.

You can find more electricity conserving tips at [DoYourPart.com/Columns](http://DoYourPart.com/Columns).

The other major place to generate less pollution is to reduce storm water pollution. Simply put, this is the stuff that gets washed by rain into storm drains and dumped directly into our lakes and rivers that provide our drinking water. Soaps and chemicals from car washing, motor oil leaked in driveways and parking lots, excessive fertilizers and pesticides on the lawn, animal poop that is not scooped, and sediment from construction sites are just a few of the sources of storm water pollution. Remember, only rain should go down the storm drain.

Finally, become an educated shopper about the chemicals you bring into your home that pollute your indoor environment. Household cleaners are a big contributor to indoor air pollution. Instead, try natural cleaners like vinegar, baking soda, and borax. You can also buy plant-based cleaners that are safer for your family and our environment.

However, your cleaners aren't the only things that are polluting your home. Carpets, paints, and furniture can all emit harmful VOCs (volatile organic compounds) for years. You can now find carpets, carpet glues, and household paints in no or low VOC formulas. As for the furniture, always find how it was made before you buy. Some pressed wood pieces can actually emit formaldehyde, also a VOC, right into your home.

Each one of us can help lower the amount of pollution we create. So Do Your Part to conserve electricity, clean without toxic chemicals, and select items for your home with care, you are showing our planet the love it truly deserves.

*Terri Bennett is a veteran TV meteorologist, syndicated columnist, and host of DoYourPart.com where you can find everyday green living ideas that are better for you and the planet. Send questions to [terri@doyourpart.com](mailto:terri@doyourpart.com).*

## Logo contest to help highlight Environmental Awareness Month

All high school and college students are invited to design a logo for the Division of Environmental Quality's Environmental Awareness Month in April.

The EAM is sponsored and coordinated by DEQ in collaboration with various agen-

Last year's logo was submitted by Yong Hwa Choi from the Marianas Baptist Academy.

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cies, organizations and private companies. Throughout the month of April, these groups will come together to host educational events and programs aimed at protecting, preserving and beautifying our island environment.

The winning logo will be printed on EAM materials and advertisements. The logo must be original and may be hand-

drawn or digital and must incorporate and illustrate the EAM's slogan: "Invest in the real green—our environment." The winning artist will win a prize worth \$200.

Entries are due by 12pm on Feb. 25. They may be submitted electronically to: [lisaeller@deq.gov.mp](mailto:lisaeller@deq.gov.mp). For more information contact Lisa Eller at 664-8500. **(PR)**

## "In Humble Gratitude"

*We, the family of the late*

*Maria Nakatsukasa Aldan*

*wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all our families, relatives and friends for the genuine compassion you showed us during our most difficult and painful time. To our families and friends who traveled from off-island to be with us, know that your presence is greatly appreciated. To all the Priests, Nuns, Religious Groups and those that went out of their way to offer Masses for our dearly beloved mother we are forever grateful. To our elected leaders know that we appreciate the many help extended.*

*We especially would like to acknowledge the many thoughtful prayers, comfort, unending support and acts of grace extended to us.*

*May God Bless you all!*

*Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase*

*Children of the Late Maria Nakatsukasa Aldan & Families*





# Life & Style



AP  
This image provided by Sports Illustrated shows the cover of the magazine's 2011 Swimsuit Edition featuring Irina Shayk.

## Sports Illustrated Swimsuit cover is Irina Shayk

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A sun-kissed Irina Shayk in a tiny pink-and-yellow halter bikini has landed her first cover of the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue.

The Russian-born, 25-year-old learned Monday at a taping of David Letterman's show that she won the coveted spot based on a photo shoot months ago in Hawaii. She's been in the wildly popular issue five times before.

"There were 10 models there to do the Top 10 List, and no-

body knows until the last minute who the cover will be," Shayk said. "And then I saw it, and I couldn't believe it."

In keeping with tradition, the cover of the special issue is kept secret until the magazine is ready to hit newsstands.

Shayk, the girlfriend of soccer superstar Cristiano Ronaldo, said if she were going to choose one of her photos as her favorite, the cover selection likely would be the one. She liked the

push-up bra style of the suit, in a design of pink diamonds on the front of the top with yellow around the neck and sides.

"I never get to see the photos when we take them, but I remembered the swimsuit," Shayk said.

Her other photo shoot for this year's issue was in the Philippines'.

She has a wardrobe of hundreds of bathing suits thanks to her Sports Illustrated work.

"When I'm going to vacation on my own—I get the swimsuits after the shoots—I have so many choices!"

Her regimen to get ready for the skimpy work doesn't really change from her normal beauty routine.

"I do work out five times a week, but I'm never dieting," Shayk said. "I try to be healthy because to be happy and healthy on the inside shows on the outside."

## IBM computer crushes the competition on 'Jeopardy!'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The computer brained its human competition in Game 1 of the Man vs. Machine competition on "Jeopardy!"

On the 30-question game board, veteran "Jeopardy!" champs Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter managed only five correct responses between them during the Double Jeopardy round that aired Tuesday. They ended the first game of the two-game face-off with paltry earnings of \$4,800 and \$10,400 respectively.

Watson, their IBM supercomputer nemesis, emerged from the Final Jeopardy round with \$35,734.

Tuesday's competition began with Jennings (who has the longest "Jeopardy!" winning streak at 74 games) making the first choice. But Watson jumped in with the correct response: What is leprosy?

He followed that with bang-on responses Franz Liszt, dengue fever, violin, Rachmaninoff and albinism, then landed on a Daily Double in the "Cambridge" category.

"I'll wager \$6,435," Watson (named for IBM founder Thomas J. Watson) said in his pleasant electronic voice.

"I won't ask," said host Alex Trebek, wondering with everybody else where that figure came from.

But Watson knew what he was doing. Sir Christopher Wren was the correct response, and Watson's total vaulted to \$21,035 as the humans stood by helplessly.

Watson blew his next response. But so did both his opponents. He guessed Picasso. Jennings guessed Cubism. Rutter guessed Impressionism. (Correct question: What is modern art?)

Back to Watson, who soon hit the game's second Daily Double. But even when he was only 32 percent sure (you could see his precise level of certainty displayed on the screen), Watson correctly guessed Baghdad as the city from whose national museum the ancient Lion of Nimrud ivory relief went missing (along with "a lot of other stuff") in 2003. Watson added \$1,246 to his stash.

He even correctly identified the Church Lady character from "Saturday Night Live."

One answer stumped everyone: "A Titian portrait of this Spanish king was stolen at gunpoint from an Argentine museum in 1987." (Correct response: Philip.) Jennings shook his head. Rutter wrenched his face. Watson, as usual, seemed unfazed.

Even when he bungled Final Jeopardy, Watson (with his 10 offstage racks of computer servers) remained poised.

The answer: "Its largest airport is named for a World War II hero; its second largest, for a World War II battle."

Both Jennings and Rutter knew the right response was Chicago.

Watson guessed doubtfully, "What is Toronto?????" It didn't matter. He had shrewdly wagered only \$947.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

## EMILIA (EMY) VILLAGOMEZ CAMACHO

Born to life on September 29, 1946  
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*Her memory will live in the hearts of her:*

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Daughter:  
Pineksai:

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**Erin Angela V. Camacho**  
**Warren F./Antonette R. Villagomez**  
(Sydney, Sage, & Cecilia)  
**Michelle V./Patrick C. Guerrero**  
(Patrick)

Brothers/Sisters:

Margarita N. Tenorio and family  
Carmen L. Villagomez  
**Manuel P./Elizabeth F. Villagomez** and family  
Children and family of **†Martin P. Villagomez**  
**Jose P. Villagomez/Patricia Camacho** and family  
**Frank P./Rell A. Villagomez** and family  
**John P. Villagomez**  
**Magdalena (Maggie) P. Villagomez**

Brothers/Sisters in Law:

Bishop Tomas A. Camacho  
Francisco A./Isabel V. Camacho and family  
Roman A./Beverly M. Camacho and family

*In her new life, she now joins her:*

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Brothers:

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†Eugenio V. Tenorio  
†Ricardo P. Villagomez  
†Martin P./†Frances C. Villagomez

Parents in Law:

Brothers/Sisters in law:

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†Gregoria C./†Juan SN. Cabrera  
†Herbert/†Ignatia M. San Nicolas  
†Roman A. Camacho (Amku)  
†Vicenta A. Camacho  
†Antonio A. Camacho  
†Luis A. Camacho

Daily rosary is offered at the Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:30 p.m.

On Friday, February 18, 2011, the body will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home to the Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Responso and Holy Rosary. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by the burial at the CNMI Veteran's Cemetery at Marpi.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

From Juan Aguon Camacho, Erin Angela V. Camacho, and family



# Billy Ray Cyrus: 'Hannah Montana' destroyed family

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Billy Ray Cyrus says the Disney TV show "Hannah Montana" destroyed his family, causing his divorce and sending daughter Miley Cyrus spinning out of control.

In a December interview published in the Feb. 22 issue of GQ Magazine, Cyrus said he wished the show that launched his daughter to pop stardom had never happened.

"I hate to say it, but yes, I do. Yeah. I'd take it back in a second," Cyrus said. "For my family to be here and just be everybody OK, safe and sound and happy and normal, would have been fantastic. Heck, yeah. I'd erase it all in a second if I could."

Cyrus and his wife, Tish, filed for divorce in October. They have three kids together—Mi-

ley is the oldest—and two from Tish's previous marriage.

Billy Ray Cyrus said when he asked about the rumored video footage of his daughter smoking from a bong at her 18th birthday party in December, he was told it was none of his business. He refused to attend the party, saying it was wrong to have it in a bar.

Cyrus, a native of Flatwoods, Ky., had his own success as a country singer beginning in the early 1990s with his huge hit "Achy Breaky Heart."

Cyrus says in the interview that he tried too hard to be a friend instead of a parent to his daughter. He said he is scared for Miley and compared her current path to those of other stars whose lives ended tragically, including Kurt Cobain, Anna Nicole Smith and Mi-

chael Jackson.

"I should have been a better parent," Cyrus said. "I should have said, 'Enough is enough—it's getting dangerous and somebody's going to get hurt.' I should have, but I didn't. Honestly, I didn't know the ball was out of bounds until it was way up in the stands somewhere."

He said his entire family was baptized before leaving Tennessee for Los Angeles to protect themselves from evil, and he believes Satan is attacking his family.

"It's the way it is," Cyrus said. "There has always been a battle between good and evil. Always will be. You think, 'This is a chance to make family entertainment, bring families together ...' and look what it's turned into."

## Sean Penn sees Haiti relief shortfalls

VIENNA (AP) —

Efforts to help Haiti recover from last year's devastating earthquake are being hampered by a lack of cooperation and communication between international aid groups, Hollywood star Sean Penn said Tuesday.

The two-time Oscar winner co-founded the Jenkins-Penn Haiti Relief Organization (J/P HRO) in the wake of the Jan. 12, 2010 disaster that killed a government-estimated 316,000 people and destroyed most of the capital of Port-au-Prince and surrounding cities. He has personally taken part in projects and even testified in Washington about the situation in the hard hit Caribbean country.

"There's far too much duplication, far too little communication," between organizations, Penn told reporters at a hotel in Vienna, the Austrian capital, when asked how he would rate the international relief effort.

While every organization he's come across has "extremely dedicated people," there are "competing cultures in the international relief world" with one focused on emergency relief and the other on sustainable development, he added later.

"These have to work with each other against the problem of poverty and not against each other in competition for donors," he said. "It's one of the basic embarrassments and failures in the aid community."

Penn added that Haitians were still experiencing "enormous trauma" and that he's approached every day by people who, first and foremost, want jobs.

He referred to the media as potentially the most powerful humanitarian organization of all and urged continued coverage of the earthquake's aftermath. "I think we have an opportunity to keep Haiti from being the old kind of headline and give the opportunity to be the new kind," Penn said.



In this April 23, 2009 file photo, singer and actress Miley Cyrus, left and her father musician Billy Ray Cyrus, arrive for the British Premiere of the film "Hannah Montana", at a Leicester Square cinema, in London.

## Grammy-nominated R&B star El DeBarge enters drug rehab

DETROIT (AP)—R&B star El DeBarge, who earned a pair of Grammy nominations following his comeback album last year, has entered a rehabilitation center and dropped out of a national tour with KEM and Ledisi that's scheduled to kick off this week in Texas.

The 49-year-old singer said in a statement that he voluntarily checked into the center "to deal with issues stemming from many years of substance abuse." DeBarge said he has battled drug addiction for two decades.

"I hate to disappoint my fans, but it is necessary for me to take the time to work on me so that I may continue to share my music and my story with everyone," DeBarge said in the statement released Monday by Geffen

Records. "I thank everyone in advance for their prayers and well wishes and hope that you will respect my privacy during this time."

The Michigan native's career peaked in the 1980s with DeBarge, a group he formed with his siblings that charted No. 1 hits such as "Time Will Reveal" and "Rhythm of the Night." Then came years of struggle with substance abuse, including a two-year jail stint following a 2008 drug possession arrest.

But he triumphantly returned last year with the release of "Second Chance," his first album of new music in 16 years, and earned two of Grammy nods, performed on the BET Awards and toured with Mary J. Blige.

## Mickey Rooney's stepson accused of abusing actor

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge has granted Mickey Rooney a temporary restraining order from his stepson, who is accused in court filings of withholding food and medicine from the 90-year-old veteran actor and meddling in his personal finances.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Reva Goetz approved the stay-away order on Monday after attorneys for Rooney sought protection for the Academy Award-nominated actor, claiming he lives in fear of stepson Chris Aber.

The order requires Aber to stay 100 yards away from Rooney and his home and to refrain from



Rooney

contacting the actor until a hearing on Feb. 24, when the restraining order may be extended. "Chris is verbally abusive toward Mickey," the court filing states. "He yells and screams at Mickey. He threatens, intimidates, bullies, and harasses Mickey."

"Mickey is effectively a prisoner in his own home," the filing states.

It accuses Aber of forcing

Rooney to make certain personal appearances, and has required him to sign financial documents without reading them.

Attempts to find a working phone number for Aber were unsuccessful.

The actor's attorneys also obtained a temporary conservatorship for Rooney to protect his personal and financial interests. The order allows the attorneys to secure Rooney's financial assets and obtain control of his website and any financial documents in Aber's possession.

Rooney is described in a news release about the case as still being sharp-witted.

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 Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10  
 Mon thru Thurs 4:10 7:10  
**Jennifer Aniston, Adam Sandler**  
 Comedy • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Danny (Adam Sandler) has a unique approach to picking up women—in order to break the ice and gain their sympathy, he pretends to be stuck in an unhappy marriage. The instant he brandishes his wedding ring, the deal is all but cinched. But when Danny finally meets a woman (Brooklyn Decker) that he really would want to marry, he abandons his usual approach for something a bit more subtle.



**Gnomeo and Juliet**  
 Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30  
 Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30  
 Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00  
 Mon thru Thurs 4:00 7:00  
**James McAvoy, Emily Blunt**  
 Musical, Children's/family • Rated G



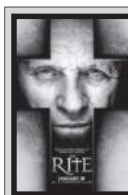
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 Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05  
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**Justin Bieber**  
 Musical • Rated G



**Sanctum**  
 Friday 4:15 7:15 10:00  
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 Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15  
 Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15  
**Richard Roxburgh, Rhys Wakefield**  
 Drama • Rated R

### Synopsis

Based on true events, producer James Cameron presents this adventure drama concerning a father and son who are trapped in an underwater cave with a team of divers as the group strives to stay alive against all hope. Kokoda's Alistair Grierson directs from a script by Andrew Wight and John Garvin.



**The Rite**  
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 Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:40  
 Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20  
 Mon thru Thurs 4:20 7:20  
**Anthony Hopkins**  
 Thriller • Rated PG 13



**The Mechanic**  
 Friday 4:25 7:25 9:35  
 Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:35  
 Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25  
 Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:25  
**Jason Statham, Ben Foster**  
 Action • Rated R



**No Strings Attached**  
 Friday 9:45  
 Saturday 9:45  
 Sunday 7:05  
 Mon thru Thurs 7:05  
**Natalie Portman, Ashton Kutcher**  
 Comedy • Rated R



**Gulliver's Travels**  
 Friday 4:30 7:30  
 Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30  
 Sunday 1:30 4:30  
 Mon thru Thurs 4:30  
**Jack Black, Emily Blunt**  
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# 9 designers and models vie for spot on Oscar stage

## Chiklis: Expect more 'No Ordinary Family' thrills

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Michael Chiklis acknowledges his TV show "No Ordinary Family" has been too "slow" for his liking and promises more excitement is coming.

In an effort to appeal to too many audience segments, the ABC dramedy about a family that develops super powers became too "soft," Chiklis said.

"What often happens is in trying to please all the parties you end up becoming mayonnaise or like a scoop of vanilla ice cream with no hot fudge and nuts," he said.



Chiklis

But Chiklis said he thinks the show is now "right on track" and that new episodes will be more

exciting and engaging. The actor, whose last drama was the FX series "The Shield," said upcoming events "completely expand the whole world of this series dramatically."

Chiklis said viewers will soon find out that the show villain, Dr. King, "is not the top man at all."

He also said Lucy Lawless, who joins the cast in a recurring role, is a "catalyst" for expanding the scope and stakes of the program.

An ABC spokesman said it does not yet appear that Lawless will have super powers of her own but definitely isn't one of the good guys.

Lawless first appears on "No Ordinary Family" on March 1, the day her "Battlestar Galactica" alum Tricia Helfer guest stars on the show.

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—Nine fashion designers need your help to make their Oscar dreams a reality.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is again hosting its Oscars Designer Challenge, where emerging fashion designers can win a chance to have one of their original gowns worn by a trophy model during the Academy Awards telecast.

Oscar fans and fashionistas can see the dress contestants online and vote once daily for their favorite until Monday. The winning gown—and the model

wearing it—will appear onstage during the Oscar ceremony.

Designer Clay Sadler said seeing his floor-sweeping, cream-colored creation on the big show "would be a lifelong dream."

"Even as a child, I would watch the Oscars and say, 'One day I will have a dress on that stage,'" Sadler said Tuesday after displaying his dress alongside those of the eight other contest finalists at a fashion show at academy headquarters.

Now in its third year, the Oscars Designer Challenge puts a glamorous aspect of the show di-

rectly into fans' hands and gives up-and-coming fashion designers unprecedented exposure, said coordinator Toni Pickett.

Pickett's team perused sketches submitted by more than 30 designers to select the nine finalists vying for Oscar's spotlight.

"For those who don't have the ability to contact celebrities, this can help springboard them to the next level," she said, adding that one of last year's finalists, Oday Shakar, went on to design the black, backless dress Sandra Bullock wore to the 2010 MTV Movie Awards.

## CBS News' Logan recovering after 'brutal' attack

**NEW YORK (AP)**—CBS News correspondent Lara Logan was recovering in a U.S. hospital Tuesday from a sexual attack and beating she suffered while reporting on the tumultuous events in Cairo.

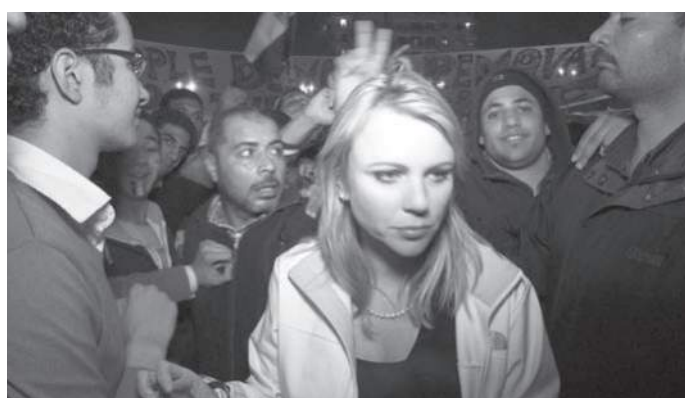
Logan was in the city's Tahrir Square on Friday after Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak stepped down when she, her team and their security "were surrounded by a dangerous element amidst the celebration," CBS said in a statement Tuesday.

The network described a mob of more than 200 people "whipped into a frenzy."

Separated from her crew in the crush of the violent pack, she suffered what CBS called "a brutal and sustained sexual assault and beating." She was saved by a group of women and an estimated 20 Egyptian soldiers, the network said. The Associated Press does not name victims of a sexual assault unless the victim agrees to it.

She reconnected with the CBS team and returned to the U.S. on Saturday.

The scene last Friday in Tahrir Square—ground zero of 18 days of protests that brought down Mubarak—was primarily one of celebration—people



AP

In this Feb. 11, 2011 photo released by CBS, "60 Minutes" correspondent Lara Logan is shown covering the reaction in in Cairo's Tahrir Square the day Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak stepped down.

wept, jumped for joy, cheered and hugged one another. Some soldiers stationed at the square ran into the crowd, and the protesters lifted them onto their shoulders. Other troops stayed at their posts, watching in awe. There were fireworks, the sound of car horns and even some shots fired in the air.

The attack on Logan, CBS News' chief foreign affairs correspondent, is one of at least 140 others suffered by reporters covering the unrest in Egypt since Jan. 30, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. An Egyptian reporter died from gunshot wounds he re-

ceived during the protests.

A week before Friday's attack, Logan was detained by the Egyptian military for a day, along with a CBS producer and cameraman. They returned to the U.S. after their release, and Logan went back to Cairo shortly before Mubarak left.

Logan joined CBS News in 2002. She regularly reports for the "CBS Evening News" as well as "60 Minutes," where she has been a correspondent since 2006. She has reported widely from Iraq and Afghanistan, and other global trouble spots.

CBS said it had no further comment on Logan's assault.

stepped out before the trial in which Jackson was acquitted.

## Andy Garcia tapped as Bacchus for Mardi Gras

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—Actor Andy Garcia will reign as Bacchus on the Sunday before Mardi Gras in New Orleans. The Bacchus krewe made the announcement on Tuesday at the National World War II Museum. Its March 6 parade will have a World War II theme this year. Mardi Gras is March 8. The krewe, formed in the late 1960s and featuring massive floats, typically has a major celebrity as its king. It is named for the Roman god of wine. Saints quarterback Drew Brees was Bacchus in 2010. Others in the past include Bob Hope, William Shatner, Val Kilmer, Michael Keaton, Kirk Douglas, Jackie Gleason and Hulk Hogan. Garcia is best known for his roles as a mafia boss in "The Godfather Part III" and a casino kingpin in the "Ocean's Eleven" franchise.

## Lawyer with Jackson ties wants to represent doctor

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A lawyer who worked for attorney Mark Geragos during his representation of Michael Jackson wants to join the defense team representing Jackson's doctor on an involuntary manslaughter charge. The move Tuesday by attorney Nareg Gourjian raised an issue of possible conflict of interest. Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor said he wants to hear from Geragos and an attorney for the Jackson estate on whether Gourjian's involvement in the case of Dr. Conrad Murray would be a breach of loyalty to Jackson under California's Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys. The judge set a hearing for Feb. 24 on the issue. Geragos represented Jackson in a child molestation case but

is in good hands and receiving the best possible care from her skilled and dedicated doctors and nurses." Morrison described Taylor's condition as stable but offered no other details.

## Rocker Vince Neil begins Las Vegas jail sentence

**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—Motley Crue singer Vince Neil has begun serving a 15-day jail sentence for his drunken driving conviction in Las Vegas. Las Vegas police said the 50-year-old rocker arrived at the Clark County Detention Center about 10:15 a.m. Tuesday. He was being housed separately from other inmates. Neil pleaded guilty in January to driving drunk last summer near the Las Vegas Strip. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail and 15 days on house arrest under a plea deal that spared him a trial. He was also fined \$585. Neil could have faced up to six months in jail if convicted. Las Vegas police said he was stopped in his

# Family celebrations leave hurt feelings in their wake

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** My family was invited to my cousin "Kirk's" wedding—a small affair for family and close friends only.

My brother "Ryan" and his wife, "Dawn," decided to schedule their daughter's first birthday party on the same day and not attend the wedding. The birthday party was at 4; the wedding at 6. The locations were an hour apart. We attended the birthday celebration and left early to get to the wedding on time, as did Mom and Dad.

As a gift, we chipped in to get Kirk and his bride, "Kallie," an upgrade on their cruise cabin. They loved it. Ryan and Dawn contributed as well. The bridal couple asked that, since Ryan and Dawn didn't attend, I thank them—although they planned to send written formal thank-yous after their honeymoon. I called Ryan the next day to tell him Kirk and Kallie were appreciative, the wedding and reception were beautiful, and they were missed.

Six weeks have passed and my brother and sister-in-law refuse to speak to me. I learned they felt the phone call I placed after the wedding was "inappropriate." I was "throwing the wedding in their faces" and "had no right" to leave the birthday party. I apologized, but they still won't talk to me, though they're speaking to our parents. Ryan and I were inseparable as kids, but now what?

HURT SIBLING IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR HURT SIBLING:** Unless there is more to the estrangement than what you have written, the problem could be that your brother has displaced his anger at your parents for not staying at the birthday party and directed it solely at you because it's "safer." Is it wrong? Yes. Childish? Yes. Can you do anything more than you already have to fix it? Probably not.

Your parents might take a moment to remind Ryan that they also left to attend the wedding, and that it would have been better to schedule the festivities earlier so that everyone could have stayed longer. But if Ryan and Dawn choose to hold a grudge, nothing you can do will change that until they're ready to let it go.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My sister "Mimi" died two years ago. Throughout her 40-year marriage she and her husband lived away from family and barely kept in touch, although we were close while growing up. Since her death, my husband and I have tried to keep in touch with her husband, "Clint."

The problem is, when I call him, all he talks about is the past, when we were all in school. That's OK, but it invariably has some kind of sexual overtone—about what I wore or did as a teen. I have tried redirecting the conversation to Mimi—anything—to no avail.

Now I'm wondering if my sister kept Clint away from the family for a reason. He was always like this to a degree, but it was under more control when she was alive.

What do I do when the conversation heads in this direction? I don't want to lose contact with him and their children.

UNCOMFORTABLE IN NEW MEXICO

**DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE:** The next time it happens, tell Clint in plain English that he's making you uncomfortable and tell him to quit dwelling on the past because it's boring. If that doesn't discourage him, call him only with your husband on another extension.

And as to staying in contact with your sister's children—if their parents were married for 40 years, they are adults now. Contact them directly and let them know you care about them and want them to be a part of your lives because you are all family.

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## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### Publicist: Liz Taylor to remain hospitalized

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Heart trouble is keeping Elizabeth Taylor hospitalized in Los Angeles, but her publicist says the 78-year-old actress is OK and has been visiting with family and friends. Taylor spokeswoman Sally Morrison said in a statement Tuesday that the two-time Oscar winner is comfortable at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and "there has been steady improvement in her condition" since she was admitted last week. Taylor is being treated for symptoms of congestive heart failure, a condition she disclosed in November 2004. "Her medical team is gratified by her progress to date, and it is hoped and expected that this will continue over the next few days. For now, she will remain under their care in the hospital for continued monitoring," Morrison said. "Friends and fans around the world should be reassured that Elizabeth Taylor



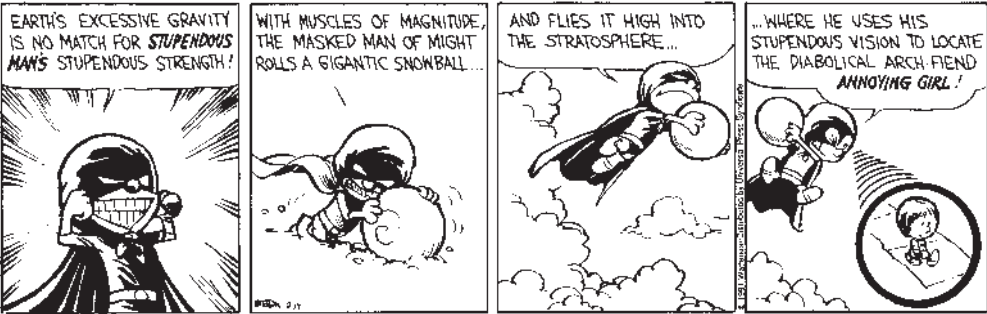
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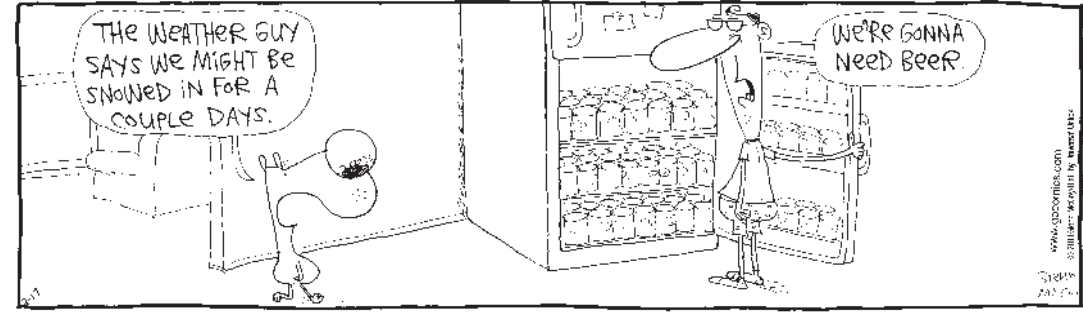
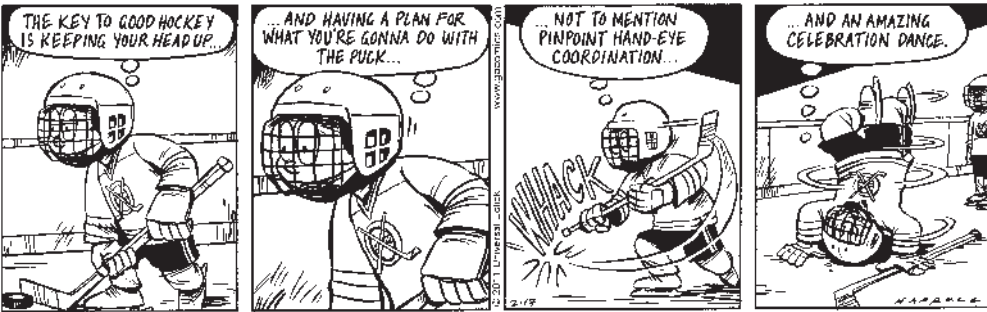


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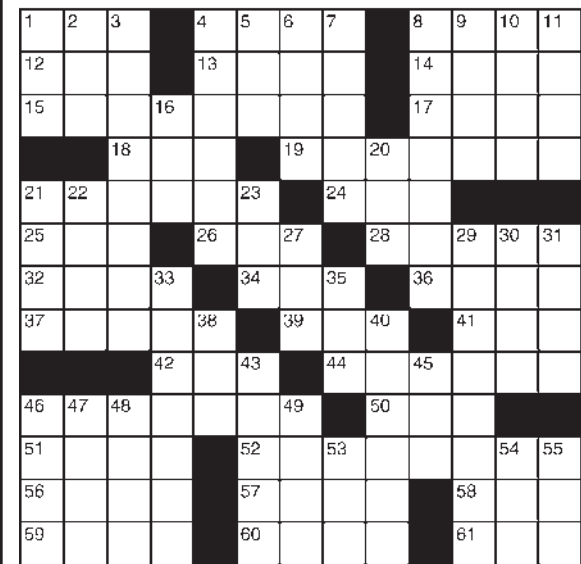
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By Eugene Sheffer

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your philanthropic attitude will set you apart from anyone trying to outdo you. A serious look at a partnership will reveal whether or not you should cut ties or try to make it work. Don't take on more than you can handle. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be forced to deal with a one-sided situation. If it will help you out professionally, proceed but, if not, walk away. You don't want to become emotionally entangled in something that infringes on your time and possibly your code of ethics. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Offer advice or alternatives to what's being presented and you will gather a following as well as the support you need to get your own ideas up and running. A celebration with someone you share your secrets with will enhance your relationship. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Ask someone who is up to date with the latest craze or technology to help you integrate your personal and professional lifestyle to meet current

standards. Love is in the stars but so is disappointment. Don't let negativity lead to loneliness. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let everyone know what your plans are and you will receive help getting to where you want to go. There is money to be made and deals to be struck. A proposal you weren't expecting will catch you off guard. Don't hesitate. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Secrets are being withheld. You have to dig deep in order to know exactly what you are dealing with. Focus more on home, family and your own emotional well-being and you will figure out what's required to improve your life and your relationships. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The encounters you have with friends and colleagues will help you make an important decision, influencing your personal life, relationships and current residence. Consider the feelings of those your decision will affect. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be caught in the middle of an emotional situation that can disrupt your home, family and emotional well-being. You have to look past current circumstances if you are going to reach your goals. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Extra cash is heading your way. Job interviews, advancement and taking on greater responsibility will all help to improve your life and bring you in contact with people who have more to offer you personally and professionally. ★★★★★

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let poor financial or emotional choices stand in the way. You can excel if you are disciplined about work, finances and trying to make the most out of your life. A good offer should be accepted. Do what's best for you. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Being unpredictable can be to your advantage sometimes, but it can also cause people to keep their distance. Be careful what signal you send. You may find it hurts your reputation and your chance to advance. ★★

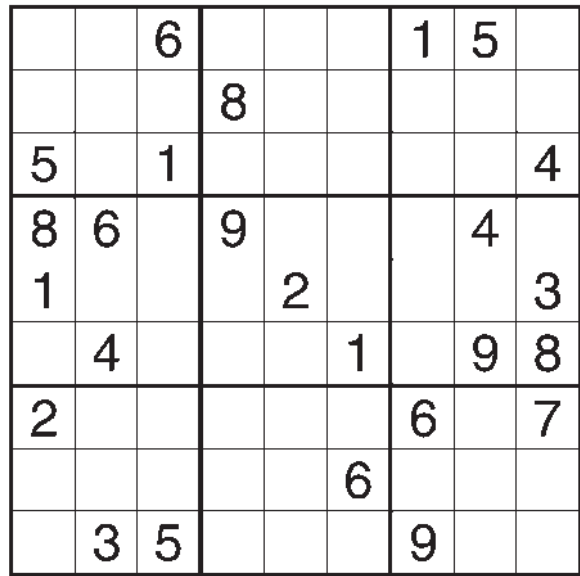
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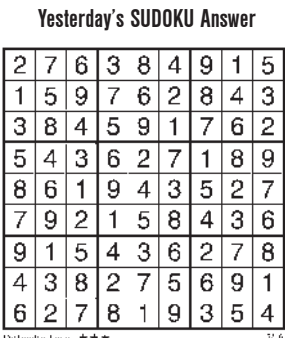
Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.



## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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<b>JAVLI GENERAL PARTNERSHIP,</b> Plaintiff,	}	<b>CIVIL ACTION</b> <b>NO. 10-0283</b>
<b>-v-</b>		
<b>DONG MIN JIN and SHUN YU JIANG,</b> Defendants.	}	<b>SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION</b>

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty (20) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of our answer to the LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

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<b>vs.</b>		
<b>ERNERIO E. CHOLLYMAY</b> Respondent.	}	<b>SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION</b>

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Dated this 8th day of February, 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court



# Wade's 41 push Heat past Pacers, 110-103



**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—Dwyane Wade tied a franchise record for most points in a first half with 31, and finished with 41 overall to help the Miami Heat defeat the Indiana Pacers 110-103 on Tuesday night.

Wade also finished with 12 rebounds for the Heat, who bounced back from a loss to Boston on Sunday.

LeBron James scored 10 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter and Chris Bosh added 22 points and eight rebounds for Miami, which has won eight of nine.

Roy Hibbert scored 18 points and Tyler Hansbrough added 16 for the Pacers. Indiana has won seven of nine under interim coach Frank Vogel, with both losses coming against the Heat.

Miami led by 24 points in the first half, then lost the lead before regaining it for good in the fourth quarter.

James threw the ball off the backboard, caught it with one hand and dunked to give Miami a 93-91 lead with six minutes to play. James converted a basket in close over the 7-foot-2 Hibbert, then scored on a tip-in to push Miami's lead to 99-94, and the Heat led the rest of the way.

Wade dominated Mike Dunleavy for 16 points in the first 5:05 of the game. When Vogel finally switched the matchup and brought in rookie Paul George, Wade splashed a jumper in George's face seconds after he entered. Wade finished the period with 22 points, the most he has scored in a quarter this season. One of his baskets was a jumper from behind the backboard.

Miami led 41-19 at the end of the quarter. It was the most points the Heat have scored in a quarter and their highest point differential in a quarter this season.

The Pacers went to their bench and flipped the script. Led



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade, right, shoots over Indiana Pacers forward Mike Dunleavy in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011.

by Hansbrough, the Pacers shot 64 percent in the second quarter. Indiana outscored the Heat 35-17 in the period and trailed 58-54 at halftime.

Miami led 64-58 when George made a 3-pointer. Collision stole the inbounds pass, and Danny Granger made a 3-pointer to tie it with 8:33 left in the third quarter. The Pacers took a

73-68 lead when George made three free throws after getting fouled on a 3-pointer with 5:33 left in the third quarter.

Miami regained the lead with a 6-0 run, and the advantage seesawed through the rest of the quarter. Hansbrough hit a mid-range jumper as time expired in the third quarter to give the Pacers an 83-82 lead.

## Thunder 126, Kings 94

At Oklahoma City, Daequan Cook scored 20 points and Russell Westbrook added 10 points and 11 assists as the Oklahoma City Thunder set the team's season high for points.

Oklahoma City scored 68 points in the first half, a season high for a half, and led by as many 25 before leading by 18 at

the halftime break as the Thunder topped the Kings for the second time in four days.

Kevin Durant went 5 for 18 from the field and scored 17 points, and Nenad Krstic had 16 for Oklahoma City as seven players finished in double figures in scoring.

DeMarcus Cousins returned from a one-game suspension to lead Sacramento with 21 points and 13 rebounds off the bench.

## Bulls 106, Bobcats 94

At Chicago, Luol Deng scored 24 points, while Derrick Rose had 18 points and 13 assists after a slow start as the Chicago Bulls beat the Charlotte Bobcats for their ninth win in 11 games.

In a game of momentum swings, the Bulls needed a strong finish to pull this one out and put away a team that blew out the Lakers the previous night. Chicago opened the fourth quarter on a 10-2 run to take control on a night when Bobcats owner Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen sat next to each other at courtside.

Deng hit 10 of 19 shots. Rose, who outscored Deron Williams and Chris Paul by a combined 52-26 in wins at Utah and New Orleans, shot just 5 of 14 but came up big down the stretch.

Gerald Henderson led Charlotte with 22 points.

## Grizzlies 102, 76ers 91

At Memphis, Mike Conley scored all 22 of his points in the second half, helping the Memphis Grizzlies hold off the Philadelphia 76ers.

Zach Randolph had 21 points and 10 rebounds for Memphis, along with a season-high seven assists as Memphis won its fourth straight. Sam Young added 12 points and Rudy Gay had 11 before leaving in the second quarter with a shoulder injury. He did not return.

Thaddeus Young led Philadelphia with 23 points, while Lou Williams added 18 off the bench. Elton Brand finished with 13, and Jrue Holiday had 10 points and five assists.

## Suns 102, Jazz 101

At Phoenix, Channing Frye scored a career-high 31 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as Phoenix kept Utah winless in the post-Jerry Sloan era.

Al Jefferson scored 32 and C.J. Miles 19 for the Jazz, who led by eight in the fourth quarter before an 11-0 run put the Suns ahead for good.

Steve Nash had 20 points and 14 assists for Phoenix, which has won seven of its last nine. The Suns playmaker passed Gary Payton for seventh on the NBA's career assists list. With three 3-pointers, Nash also moved ahead of Eddie Jones into 10th on the career list.

The Jazz, with four players out with injuries, has lost 12 of 16 and fell to 0-2 since Sloan resigned and was replaced by Tyrone Corbin, both losses to the Suns.

## Warriors 102, Hornets 89

At Oakland, California, Monta Ellis scored 21 points and Dorell Wright added 16 to help Golden State overcome an early 15-point deficit to beat New Orleans.

David Lee also scored 16 points and Stephen Curry had 14 and eight assists for the Warriors, who have won six of eight games. Five of those wins have come against teams with winning records as Golden State heads into its final game before the All-Star break Wednesday night in Utah playing its best basketball of the season.

All-Star point guard Chris Paul was held scoreless for the final 39 minutes for the Hornets, who are limping toward the All-Star break without injured center Emeka Okafor.

# Obama honors NBA legend Russell with Medal of Freedom

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Barack Obama recognized one former president and 14 artists, athletes, civil rights activists, humanitarians and others Tuesday with the Presidential Medal of Freedom for contributions to society that he said speak to "who we are as a people."

This year's recipients "reveal the best of who we are and who we aspire to be," Obama said at a White House ceremony.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor. It is given in recognition of contributions to U.S. national security, world peace, culture or other significant public or private endeavors. Tuesday's medals were the second set Obama has awarded.

Some of the loudest applause was reserved for Bush, the former Republican president who has devoted nearly 70 of his 86 years to public service, starting

when he joined the Navy on his 18th birthday. He served as a congressman from Texas, U.N. ambassador, Republican Party chairman, U.S. envoy to China, director of central intelligence, a two-term vice president and one term as the 41st president.

"His life is a testament that public service is a noble calling," Obama said. Bush's wife, Barbara, and their children listened from the front row. "His humility and his decency reflect the very best of the American spirit. Those of you who know him, this is a gentleman."

Another robust round of applause went to Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga. Lewis was chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and helped organize the first sit-ins at lunch counters that refused to serve blacks. In 1965, he led a march for voting rights from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., and was



President Barack Obama reaches up to present a 2010 Presidential Medal of Freedom to basketball hall of fame member, former Boston Celtics coach and captain Bill Russell, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

nearly beaten to death along with others in what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

Obama said Lewis "knew that change could not wait for some other person or some

other time." Lewis speaks often and loudly in his booming voice on issues of justice and equality, and is known as the "conscience" of Congress.

He told reporters later that the

award was all the more special coming from Obama, the nation's first black president.

"If someone had told me that one day I would be standing in the White House and an African-American president would be presenting me the Medal of Freedom I would say, 'Are you crazy? Are you out of your mind?'" Lewis said. "It's just an impossible dream."

A particularly touching moment occurred during the presentation for Dr. Tom Little, an optometrist who was murdered by the Taliban last August in Afghanistan. His wife, Libby, accepted and Obama rubbed her back as a White House military aide read her husband's medal citation.

The other medal recipients are:

- Angela Merkel, German Chancellor
- John H. Adams, co-founder of Natural Resources

Defense Council

- Maya Angelou, poet and author
- Jasper Johns, artist
- Gerda Weissmann Klein, Holocaust survivor and author
- Dr. Tom Little (posthumous), optometrist murdered on humanitarian mission in Afghanistan
- Sylvia Mendez, civil rights activist of Mexican and Puerto Rican descent
- Stan Musial, Hall of Fame baseball player
- Bill Russell, professional basketball player and first African American to coach in the NBA
- Jean Kennedy Smith, founder of VSA, a non-profit organization that promotes the artistic talents of people with disabilities
- John J. Sweeney, President Emeritus of the AFL-CIO



# La Russa: Players union pushing Pujols



St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright, left, looks through a hole in a fence along side fellow pitcher Jaime Garcia, right, during spring training baseball Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, in Jupiter, Fla. AP



**JUPITER, Fla. (AP)**—St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa says first baseman Albert Pujols and his representatives are being pressured by the players' union during contract negotiations.

Pujols is eligible to become a free agent after the World Series and has set a Wednesday noon EST deadline to reach agreement on a new deal.

Pujols has vowed to cut off negotiations once he arrives at spring training, perhaps Wednesday. La Russa said Tuesday he thinks the three-time NL MVP is being pushed to set a new standard with his contract, and he said that's unfair to the player.

Alex Rodriguez's \$275 million, 10-year deal with the Yankees is baseball's current high.

"I know what he's going through with the union and to some extent his representatives because his representatives are getting beat up by the union," La Russa said. "Set the bar, set the bar. You've got to deal with it. It's not the way it should be."

Pujols has played his entire 10-season career with the Cardinals and has repeatedly said he would like to stay with the franchise.

"We've had no discussions about numbers with Albert or with (agent) Danny Lozano or with any

of his representatives," union head Michael Weiner said during a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "Albert is a very experienced, sophisticated, intelligent player. He's got good, experienced representation. We're always available to consult with players, but there's been no discussion of numbers and clearly no pressure at all."

General manager John Mozeliak said it's not necessary that a deal be signed by noon Wednesday, but the sides would need to have agreed to terms.

Pitcher Adam Wainwright, who spent three seasons as the Cardinals player representative, said the union's job is to make as much money as possible for the players.

"At the end of the day you have to do what's right for you and your family," Wainwright said. "The union I think understands that. Their job is to make sure we get the most that we can. That's what they're paid to do and that's what we pay them to do and that's why we need them."

La Russa thinks Pujols can overcome any pressures and make the decision that he believes is best for him.

"Albert is very smart, very strong and is going to make a really good decision," La Russa said. "I know that he's getting pressured and it's not arm

twisting, it's dropping anvils on your back through the roof of your house.

"I think it's unfortunate whenever it happens, not just Albert, it should just be about looking at everything to determine what's your best deal. There's enough money, nobody is going to suffer. The union is not going to suffer. The bar is not going to suffer."

La Russa said he's seen too many players being controlled by the union.

"The whole time I've around it's been a factor, for a long time, a long, long time," he said. "I've had a number of players over the years that have looked at money first and regretted it later."

Pujols, a nine-time All-Star, is the only player in major league history to hit 30 or more home runs in each of his first 10 seasons. He has a .331 career batting average and averaged 41 homers and 123 RBIs.

He's also won six Silver Slugger Awards and two Gold Gloves. Last year he batted .312 with 42 homers and 118 RBIs and finished second in MVP balloting.

"I want Albert to do the best thing for him," Wainwright said. "He deserves that and we as teammates realize he's had such a great impact here."

# Irsay: Colts put franchise tag on Peyton Manning



**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)**—The Indianapolis Colts are keeping Peyton Manning—no matter what it costs.

Manning, the only four-time MVP in league history, has been given the exclusive franchise tag, a move that could cost the Colts \$23 million next season. Team owner Jim Irsay announced the decision Tuesday night on Twitter.

"We have placed the franchise tag on Peyton while we continue to negotiate a long term deal," Irsay wrote.

The move is hardly a surprise.

Last year, Irsay promised to make Manning the NFL's highest-paid player. He has reiterated that position many times since then with one caveat—if the Colts couldn't reach a new deal with Manning before free agency started they would use the franchise tag.

The Colts did the same thing in 2004 before eventually agreeing to a seven-year, \$98 million deal. The Colts then pulled the tag.

Irsay hasn't backed down on either promise, and Manning, as he usually does, has remained silent about the contract.

Three weeks ago, the Colts put their first formal proposal on the table. It was an offer Irsay and team president Bill Polian wanted to make last October, but Manning informed the team then, through his agent, that he did not want to start negotiating until after the season.

The current offer is believed to be richer than the four-year, \$72 million contract that New England quarterback Tom Brady signed in September. Brady's contract also included \$48.5 million in guaranteed money, and Irsay has called that deal the standard.

"It's not a normal negotiation, his legacy and our relationship, it's very unusual," Irsay said last month.

On Tuesday, Indy decided not to wait any longer to make its decision.

By "tagging" Manning, no other team can negotiate with the Colts' franchise quarterback.

How critical is Manning to the Colts' success?

In 13 seasons, he has broken all the franchise's career records for quarterbacks and has never missed a start. He's taken Indy to the playoffs 11 times, captured seven AFC South titles in eight years, won two AFC championships, one Super

Bowl title and a Super Bowl MVP Award.

And the Colts won more regular-season games in the past decade (115) than any team in NFL history.

The move does free up the Colts to work on other contracts before the collective bargaining agreement expires March 3.

The list of their potential free agents includes running back Joseph Addai, kicker Adam Vinatieri; Charlie Johnson, Manning's blind side protector; Melvin Bullitt, a key backup at safety who is ready to start; starting linebacker Clint Session and starting defensive tackle Dan Muir.

Irsay also has promised "significant" announcements in the coming weeks.

But, of course, none would be bigger than giving Manning the richest deal in league history in what could be his final NFL contract.

"It's important," Irsay said when asked about the importance of reaching a new deal with Manning.

"But it's something that you don't totally control, so I think you have to be prepared to work on your roster while you're doing that. That's a big part of the equation, but I think you have to be able and ready to shape your roster."

# Contador lauds doping decision, but damage done



**MADRID (AP)**—Tour de France champion Alberto Contador believes "irreparable" damage has been done to his reputation despite being cleared of doping by the Spanish cycling federation, which ruled Tuesday that he was not at fault for a positive test that he attributed to contaminated meat.

The Spanish cyclist tested positive for banned substance clenbuterol while winning last year's Tour, but the federation's disciplinary committee accepted Contador's defense he unintentionally ate contaminated beef.

"The truth is today is a good day," Contador said in an interview on Veo7 television broadcast late Tuesday. "It's been an incredible number of weeks and months that I wouldn't wish on absolutely anybody—you'd have to have lived these past months to know how it feels."

"The truth is the damage done to your image is irreparable, with all the stupidities that are said about you."

Contador's joy was restrained during the interview, knowing the International Cycling Union or World Anti-Doping Agency can still appeal the decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Both bodies said they would wait to receive the full dossier before deciding on an appeals process. The UCI has 30 days to appeal while WADA has another 21 days after that to take the case to CAS.

Contador, who believes the decision will "probably" be appealed, stopped short of confirming he will try for a fourth Tour de France title this year due to the possible appeals process.

But he confirmed he will go for a second Giro d'Italia title.

"For the moment I'm planning the season up until the Giro and then after the Giro I'll see what the next objectives are, depending with what happens in the coming months," said Contador, who won the 2008 edition of the Italian classic.

Any appeals process is expected to drag on until at least June. The Tour de France begins July 2.

Contador preferred to risk a two-year suspension than accept the original one-year ban proposed by the disciplinary committee in his doping case last month.

Contador registered a minute trace of clenbuterol, which is listed as a zero-tolerance drug by WADA, from a test taken on a rest day at last year's Tour. He said the banned substance must have been contained in meat he'd eaten.

"When you haven't done anything wrong and your conscience is super relaxed the only thing left is for them to recognize that you haven't done anything. You have to fight," Contador said in the pre-taped interview.

Contador, who is cleared to race pending any appeal rulings from CAS, was already traveling to Portugal on Tuesday night to race for new team Saxo Bank-Sungard in the Tour of the Algarve from Wednesday.

"We've been training but I'm not in the same shape as other years," Contador said.

After learning of the proposed one-year suspension nearly three weeks ago, Contador vowed to fight any ban, describing himself as a victim of antiquated, flawed anti-doping regulations. Contador believed the decision offered WADA a good chance to re-examine those anti-doping regulations.

"The fault is with the institutions that haven't served their purpose and who haven't been able to review a case like this," the 28-year-old Spaniard said. "It's been six months of sleepless nights, pulling your hair out—there are times when I cried."



# Balite Boyz on top of A Division

## 2-way tie in Ladies standings

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The Balite Boys of D’Pirates Bar & Grill jumped out to an early lead in the A Division, while sister-team Aschooschoo is tied with Buddies Bar & Grill’s Man Amigas in Ladies League play after the conclusion of last Monday’s season openers of the Saipan Electronic Dart Association.

In the A Division, Balite Boys tallied 16 wins with just one loss in its first matchup. They hold a four-game lead over Buddies’ Locals Too with D’Pirates Mixed-Blood Shooters (11-6) and the Primos (10-7) of Charlie’s Sports Bar not too far behind. Notably, Naked Fish Boyz’s Jack Guerrero scored a 160 High In during his matchup against Locals Too and Buddies’ Cool-Its had a bye this week.

In the Ladies League, Man Amigas and Aschooschoo are tied with 11-4 win-loss records and cling to a slim one-game lead over defending champions Yakau of Jonny’s Bar & Grill. Aschooschoo’s Rufina Guevarra scored a High Out of 112.



The Man Amigas, out of Buddies’ Bar & Grill, co-lead the SEDA Ladies Division after its 11-4 season win over the Spicy Girls last Monday at Charlie’s Sports Bar.



The Balite Boys pose for a photo after schooling Oleai Beach Bar & Grill’s Profoers 16-1 Monday night in the SEDA A Division season opener at D’Pirates Bar & Grill.

lubyo; and Buddies’ Wildshooters welcome USS Peleliu Club’s Whatever. The Flair Bar’s Real Deal drew a bye this week.

Fanihi matchups feature home team Buddies’ Barracuda against Charlie’s Team Sabalu; Buddies’ Akiraminai Buddy! hosts sister team Troubleshooters; VFW’s Assashunz welcome Jonny’s IT&E Kamote’s; and Oleai’s Dart Pimps host Gaia’s Duruzi 2.

**A DIVISION**  
**Locals Too 12, Naked Fish Boyz 5**  
At Naked Fish Bar & Grill, the visiting Locals Too won three of the four cricket matches, but Naked Fish Boyz swept both partners 501 contests to tie up the game.

Then Locals Too notched three of the four sniper matches and swept both wild cricket games for the team victory. Locals Too went on to take three of the four 301 matches and the final team 1001 game.

winning all but one partners 501 match.

**Mixed-Blood Shooters 11, Kanto Boyz 6**  
At D’Pirates, home team Mixed-Blood won three of four cricket matches, a 501 game, a pair of sniper matches and a wild cricket contest to build an early 7-5 lead. They clinched the team victory after taking three of the four 301 games and went on to take the final 1001 match.

**LADIES LEAGUE**  
**Aschooschoo 11, Sistah 4**  
At Buddies, visiting Aschooschoo took control right out of the gate, sweeping all four 301 games and both wild cricket matches. Then they won a partners 501 match and two cricket games for the team victory. Aschooschoo added a partners Burma win and took the final team 1001 game.

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Central Oahu Regional Park and helped HPU to a big 7-2 home victory.

Against Gustavus, Heo faced Daniel Pomeranc and won in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2. In the doubles, the CNMI netter teamed up with Sebastian Bader and they beat Tyler Johnson and Joe MacGibbon, 8-2.

Next up for Heo and company was Dallas Baptist University on Feb. 10 and HPU swept its first road game, shutting out its foe in Phoenix, 9-0.

Heo had another straight set win in singles, thumping

Chris Braaten, 6-0, 6-0. Then in the doubles, Heo and Bader topped Clint Baird and Chris Braaten, 8-2.

The Sea Warriors extended their winning streak to three after a close 5-4 triumph over Grand Canyon University, also in Phoenix on Feb. 11.

Against Grand Canyon, the Sea Warriors won their first singles, but dropped the next three before Heo snapped the skid with a 7-5, 6-4 triumph over Kevin Anderson. Heo and Bader also gave HPU one of the two doubles win to secure the game. The CNMI bet and his Austrian teammate prevailed over Ahmad Salee and Patrice Giraldi, 8-4.

The Sea Warriors played their

third straight road game against University of California San Diego on Feb. 12 and dropped their first match of the season, 4-5. Though HPU lost, Heo kept his winning streak this season after downing Vincent Nguyen, 7-6, 6-4, and teaming up with Bade again in whipping Devon Sousa and Chapman Chan, 8-1.

After its first loss of the season, HPU came back big time the following day, routing Sonoma State University in its last game in Phoenix, 8-1

Against the Sea Wolves, Heo moved up from No. 5 to 4 in HPU’s singles lineup and recorded his fifth straight set win after spanking Jimmy Manning, 6-1, 6-2. Then in the doubles,

which HPU swept, Heo and Bader shut out Drexler Dy and Bryce Keefer, 8-0.

After playing four games in Arizona, Heo is now back in Hawaii, preparing for two games against University of Hawaii-Hilo. The Sea Warriors will face UH-Hilo on Feb. 26 and 27.

After the back-to-back matches in Hilo, HPU will play in two more games in Hawaii (against Loyola Marymount and Northwestern College) before heading on the road for two assignments in California and four in Nevada. From Nevada, Heo and company will return to Hawaii for their last four games of the regular season.

**Charlie’s Primos 10, Celebrity 7**  
At Oleai Beach Bar & Grill, both teams split a pair of cricket matches and a game of partners 501 before the visiting Primo’s swept all four singles sniper matches. Primos then won a wild cricket game to secure the team victory and added a pair of singles 301 games to their total.

**Balite Boys 16, Profoers 1**  
At D’Pirates, home team Balite Boys ran a clinic on the Profoers,

**Yakau 10, Nasty Girls 5**  
At Jonny’s, both teams split a pair of singles 301 games and a wild cricket match before Gaia Bar’s Nasty Girls swept both partners 501 contests, but Yakau finished strong and swept all four cricket games, both partners Burma contest and the final team 1001 match.

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get two of the runs back.

Then the Survivors took a 5-3 lead in the top of the fourth. Jeffrey Lizama and Phillip Sablan scored off errors before Jeremy Lizama came to the plate off a wild pitch.

The Jets’ Kyle Hocog scored off a wild pitch in the bottom frame to make it a one-run game after four innings.

Pitching woes continued for the Jets as the Survivors jumped ahead, 9-3, to start the fifth. Three of the Survivors’ four runs scored off wild pitches. The runners reached on a hit, an error, and two walks.

The Jets could only produce a run—off a balk—in the bottom half and the Survivors shot ahead, 12-5, in the top of the sixth. Esiah Cruz scored off a

wild pitch, Pul Celis came home off an error, and Sablan drove in Jeffrey Lizama.

The Jets only managed two runs in the bottom and both teams went 1-2-3 in the final inning.

**MAJORS LEAGUE**  
**Red Sox 12, Falcons 0**  
The visiting Red Sox broke the ice with a run in the top of the third inning. Tihanna Sanchez led off with a walk and scored off a wild pitch.

The Falcons went 1-2-3 in the bottom frame and the Red Sox stretched its lead to 7-0 in the top of the fourth off a triple, three hits, four walks, a bean ball, and some errant throws by the Falcons’ infield.

The Falcons left the bases loaded in the bottom frame and the Red Sox piled on five more runs—with two outs—to start the fifth.

Jonathan Camacho doubled

home Jody Reyes, Craig Aguon singled in Sanchez, and Jadrien Camacho belted a three-run homer that brought in his two fellow sluggers.

The Falcons came up empty in the last stand.

Winning pitcher Jonathan Camacho notched eight strikeouts and gave up just two hits and a walk in his complete game shutout. His teammate Jadrien Camacho batted 2-for-4 with a homerun, a triple, four RBIs, and two runs.

**Ray’s 14, Lions 0**  
Ray’s hit the board in the first inning with one run off an RBI single by Jose Pangelinan that scored J.D. Delos Santos.

Ray’s stuffed the Lions in the top of the second and shot ahead 7-0 in the bottom frame. N-nes Siench reached off an error and scored off a fielder’s choice two hits later. Then Delos Santos

brought home Manny Esepon and Ramnes Karben with a single. A hit later Pangelinan scored Delos Santos and Peterson Rengil with a double. Then Phillip Kapileo stepped in and drove home Pangelinan.

After a scoreless third, the Lions went 1-2-3 to start the fourth and Ray’s doubled its score in the bottom frame.

The first four batters reached off an error and three walks and the runs came in off two hits, a pair of fielder’s choices, another walk, and a bean ball. Pangelinan touched home twice in the inning.

Kudos to the Ray’s defense as winning pitcher Siench bagged a no-hitter in four innings with just three strikeouts and four walks. Ray’s Delos Santos batted 4-for-4 with three RBIs, and three runs, while Pangelinan batted 2-for-3 with three RBIs, and two runs.

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Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura said they are happy with their swimmers’ accomplishments and they are confident more records will fall.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES				
NBA STANDINGS				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	14	.736	—
New York	27	26	.509	12
Philadelphia	26	29	.473	14
New Jersey	17	39	.304	23 1/2
Toronto	15	40	.273	25
Southeast Division				
Miami	40	15	.727	—
Atlanta	34	20	.630	5 1/2
Orlando	35	21	.625	5 1/2
Charlotte	24	32	.429	16 1/2
Washington	15	38	.283	24
Central Division				
Chicago	37	16	.698	—
Indiana	24	29	.453	13
Milwaukee	21	33	.389	16 1/2
Detroit	20	36	.357	18 1/2
Cleveland	9	46	.164	29
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	46	9	.836	—
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	35	19	.648	—
Portland	31	24	.564	4 1/2
Denver	31	25	.554	5
Utah	31	25	.554	5
Minnesota	13	42	.236	22 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	38	18	.679	—
Phoenix	27	26	.509	9 1/2
Golden State	25	29	.463	12
L.A. Clippers	20	35	.364	17 1/2
Sacramento	13	39	.250	23
Yesterday’s Games				
Miami 110, Indiana 103				
Chicago 106, Charlotte 94				
Memphis 102, Philadelphia 91				
Oklahoma City 126, Sacramento 96				
Phoenix 102, Utah 101				
Golden State 102, New Orleans 89				
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athletics’ Tyrone Omar, Keum Bae Ji, and D.J. Ngirchongor, swimming’s Rezne Wong, and

bowling’s Simon Manacop, Rusty Musca, Robert Talavera, and Ruselle Zapanta. In the women’s division, nominees were triathlon’s Miek Carey and Mamiko Oshima-Berger, athletics’ Yvonne Bennett, and

bowling’s Gina Sablan and Gigi Zapanta.

Battling for the TSL/NMASA Male Student Athlete of the Year award are Rafael Zapanta, Christian Miller, Juan Maratita, Sean Sablan, Douglas Dillay,

Marion McKenzie, M.J. Aldan, and Michael Ren. In the female student division, nominees were Mikayla Lopez, Angel Marie Tan, Lia Rangamar, Reylynn Sapong, and Negahr Rastguivy. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)



# 2nd Annual Northern Passage

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Women's championship course top finisher Jackie Van Dam pedals down the parking lot of Paupau Beach last Sunday during the 2nd Annual Northern Passage.



Riders take a breather and check on their bikes after the race.



Eventual championship course winner Butch Sublemente pedals his way to the finish line at the parking lot of Paupau Beach.



Ken Pierson, seen here a few feet away from the finish line, placed third in the men's championship course.



Youth biker Erico Castro smiles, as he nears completion of the race.



Kimiko Hasegawa makes her return to the finish line.



Amanda Kloeppel is all smiles as she is a few meters away from completing the rookie course.



Bob Ferrer, seen here eyeing the finish line, topped the short course anew.



Championship course second placer Tyce Mister sprints to the finish line.



John Arceo (1) leads Jae Young Lee (49) going into the last few meters of the short course race.





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## Ji Hoon unbeaten in collegiate tennis

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**F**ormer CNMI junior tennis player Ji Hoon Heo is having a rousing debut in collegiate tennis.

Heo suits up for 11th ranked Hawaii Pacific University in NCAA Division II tennis competition and remains unbeaten in both singles and doubles matches. He played at No. 5 in singles in the first four games for the Sea Warriors and No. 2 in doubles.

The 19-year-old netter started the season against Gustavus Adolphus College of Minnesota on Feb. 3 at  
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Ji Hoon Heo of Hawaii Pacific University returns to his opponent during a game in the NCAA Division II in Hawaii early this month.

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## NMASA Awards Banquet tonight



Last year's top athletes and officials will get their much deserved recognition to-

night when Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association holds the 2010 Annual Sports Banquet at the Seaside Restaurant of Saipan Grand Hotel.

The awards ceremony will start at 6pm and awardees and guests are requested to arrive on time.

NMASA will be giving away the 2010 Male and Female Athletes of the Year award, 2010 Coach of the Year, and the 2010 Tan Siu Lin Foundation/NMASA Male and Female Student Athletes of the Year. The association will also induct the members of the 2010 class of the CNMI Hall of Fame.

Nominees for the top athletes awards were the winners of NMASA monthly plums, including the gold medalists in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau last year.

For the 2010 Male Athlete of the Year award, the nominees are tennis' Jeff Race and Peter Loyola, triathlon's Kieran Daly and Tyce Mister,

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## Survivors win fourth in a row in Juniors

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The Tan Siu Lin-Rep. Fred DL Guerrero BTS Survivors are still undefeated in four games in Junior League action after besting the Saipan Shipping Co.-Pacific Amusement Inc. Jets, 12-7, Tuesday night at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Results from Saturday's Major League games saw the Bank of Saipan Red Sox defeat the Natibu Sports Association-Tanapag Falcons, 12-0, while YCO Ray's run-ruled the Attorney Robert T. Torres-Kagman "Little" Lions, 14-0, at Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.

Saipan Little League Baseball action continues tonight at 6pm with Senior League play featuring the Jets and the CTSI-Ol'Aces at Palacios Field.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE Survivors 12, Jets 7

The Jets took an early 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. K.J. Kalen drove in Devyn Flores and Nathan Sablan busted a two-RBI single, a hit, and a double later.

Survivors' Truman Shiro scored off an error in the top of the second and his teammate Caleb Takao did the same to start the third to

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Ray's pitcher N-nes Siench pitched four scoreless innings in their Major League matchup against the Lions Saturday at Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.

## Tsunami swimmers sweep U8 records

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan swimmers now own all records in the boys U8 age group.

Tsunami Saipan claimed domination of the boys U8 division after setting eight new marks in the said age group during the 2011 Saipan Swim Club International Invitational Meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool on Feb. 4 and 5.

Lukas Kang has the chunk of U8 records, holding six of the 11 marks. He has the fastest times in the 50m backstroke (42.82 seconds), the 100m backstroke (1:34.11), the 50m breaststroke (48.35), 50m butterfly (40.02 seconds), 100m butterfly (1:28.95), and 200m individual medley (3:08.36).

Two of Kang's six records shattered two of the oldest marks in CNMI swimming history. His 100m butterfly crushed the 1:39.43 Jonathan Sakovich recorded on April 5, 1979, while his 50m backstroke mark eclipsed the 42.99 seconds Sakovich posted on March 30, 1979. The two others (200m IM and 100m back) broke his own records, while the remaining two (50m breaststroke and 50m butterfly) surpassed Kensuke Kimura and Ryuto Yanai's marks, respectively.

Despite losing his 50m butterfly record to Kang, Ryuto Yanai is still in the U8 record books, as he owns two marks in this age group. He holds the records in 100m (1:21.00) and 200m freestyle (2:50.52), while younger brother, Hiroto, has the record in the 50m



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Tsunami Saipan's Lukas Kang, seen here plunging into the pool during a swim meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi, holds six of the 11 records in the boys U8 age group.

freestyle at 37.47 seconds.

Ryosei Toda and Kensuke Kimura are the two other record holders in the U8 age group. Kensuke Kimura logged the fastest time in the 400m freestyle (6:09.93) on Feb. 25, 2005, making his record the oldest in the U8 division. Toda owns the best time in the 100m breaststroke (1:46.19) made on April 4, 2009.

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